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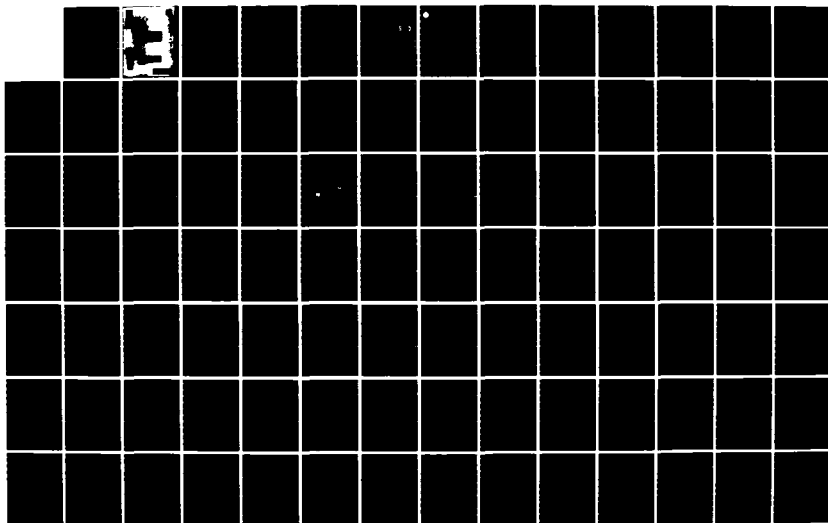
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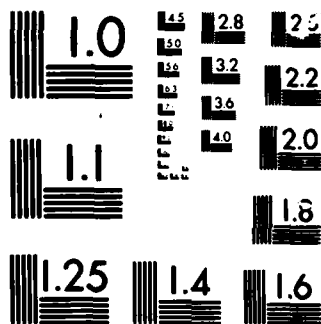
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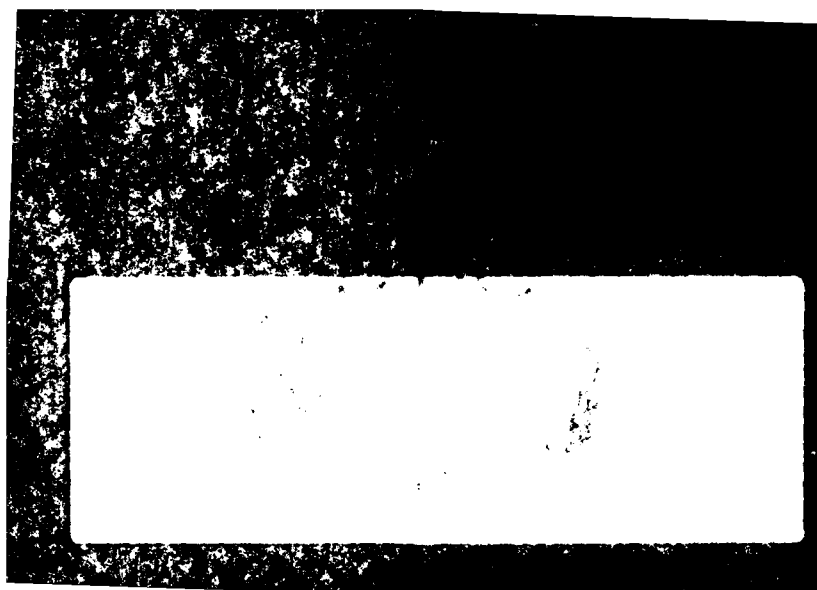
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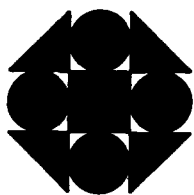
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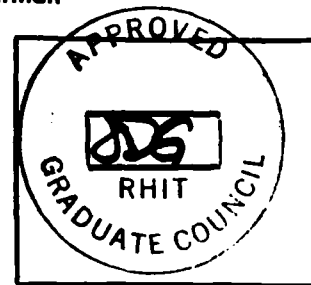
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## Nomenclature

A	- surface area of heat exchanger
$A_1$	- surface area of piston 1
$A_2$	- surface area of piston 2
a	- axis of ellipsoid
b	- axis of ellipsoid
$C_o$	- feed composition
$C_s$	- solid composition
$C_w$	- waste composition
c	- axis of ellipsoid
D	- diameter
d	- distillate flow rate
E	- joint efficiency
e	- eutectic point
F	- feed flow rate
H	- enthalpy
k	- separation factor
$L_{\text{actual}}$	- actual reflux
$L_{\text{min}}$	- minimum reflux
$L_{\text{SH}}$	- length of shell
l	- liquid waste flow rate
n	- moles
P	- pressure



$P_1$	- pure component transition pressure of component 1
$P_2$	- pure component transition pressure of component 2
$P_e$	- pressure corresponding to the eutectic point, e
$Q$	- heat flow rate
$Q_H$	- heat flow rate for high temperature system
$Q_L$	- heat flow rate for low temperature system
$q$	- flow rate of gas stream
$r$	- radius
$R$	- gas constant
$S$	- maximum allowable pressure
$s$	- product flow rate
$T_C$	- condenser temperature
$T_H$	- high temperature
$T_O$	- ambient temperature
$T_L$	- low temperature
$T_R$	- reboiler temperature
$t$	- thickness of pressure vessel
$t$	- time
$U$	- internal energy
$V$	- volume
$V$	- specific volume
$V_{BZ}$	- specific volume of benzene at P
$V_{CH}$	- specific volume of cyclohexane at P
$V_E$	- volume of ellipsoid
$V_H$	- volume of steel in head

$V_o$	- specific volume at 1 atm
$V_o \text{ BZ}$	- specific volume of benzene at 1 atm
$V_o \text{ CH}$	- specific volume of cyclohexane at 1 atm
$V_{SH}$	- volume of steel in shell
$W_n$	- net work
$x_c$	- feed composition
$x_d$	- distillate composition
$x_e$	- eutectic composition
$x_f$	- feed composition
$x_l$	- waste composition
$x_{N2}$	- solubility of nitrogen
$x_s$	- product composition
$z$	- compressibility factor
$z$	- pressure adjustment in ASME design equation
$\alpha$	- relative volatility
$\lambda$	- latent heat of vaporization

## I. Introduction

Crystallization is the formation of solids from solutions or melts. This process may be accomplished in three methods. The first involves separation through a vapor-solid equilibrium. Generally, this involves a solid which is slightly soluble in the gas phase, for example, iodine crystals. The crystals sublime and reform on some new site. This has been called fractional sublimation. Second is a solid-liquid equilibrium process. Commonly, a solid can be purified by dissolving it in a liquid with which it is slightly soluble at room temperature and very soluble at some higher temperature. It is assumed that the impurity present in small quantities is not favored to deposit in the recrystallization. This is called recrystallization or solvent recrystallization. The third method is called fractional solidification or melt crystallization. This method works best and is usually used with concentrated systems with an objective of very high purity. The last method is of interest due high recovery and absence of solvent, another contaminant. In the melt, the substance itself acts as the solvent, eliminating the need of a solvent.<sup>28</sup> Melt crystallization usually has the advantage of lower operating costs.

Melt crystallization is not a recent discovery. It

was first used during the nineteenth century by whalers. They found that potable water could be obtained from sea ice or icebergs if melted properly.<sup>36</sup> Also by 1918 crude paraffin waxes were separated from petroleum oils exclusively by crystallization. These waxes were further refined by freezing the wax in sheets and placing them over heating coils. Slow melting proceeded, resulting first in the appearance of oil beads which were allowed to run off leaving an even more pure product.<sup>29</sup> The first industrial crystallizer, the Proabd refiner, was developed in 1960. This batch process slowly cooled a charge until solid and then slowly reheated it. The impurities melt and drain first and leave a progressively more pure product.<sup>20</sup> This work will proceed further than the Proabd refiner. It uses high pressure, rather than temperature, as a driving force. The high pressure process will be less costly, while achieving higher purity than a distillation process in use today.

## II. Objectives

The stream to be refined has a composition of 90% benzene and a desired product composition of 99+% benzene.

1. Design two high pressure crystallization processes, gas pressurization and hydraulic pressurization, capable of the desired separation.
2. Design a distillation process capable of the desired separation.
3. Compare the three designs on capital investment and on utility costs.
4. Write a Flowtran compatible program to design the crystallizer with gas pressurization.

### III. Literature Summary

#### Crystallization

For discussion of crystallization, there must be several preliminary topics discussed. First nucleation must be discussed to understand the formation of crystals. Next phase diagrams of solid-liquid systems must be understood. Also, for design of a new process, the existing processes must be reviewed. Finally, the energy requirement of each processes must be determined.

#### Nucleation

Whatever the driving force present, nucleation proceeds in three fundamental steps. The first step demands that the solution obtain some degree of supersaturation or subcooling. Supersaturation is cooling beyond the normal melting point of the system. Supersaturation is not sufficient cause for the development of crystals. Microscopic seeds or nuclei must be present for each successive molecule to deposit. These seeds may be small crystals or any kind of

microscopic debris or dust. The third step is the growth of the crystal around the developed centers. Figure 1 will help explain some other terms describing crystallization.<sup>28</sup>

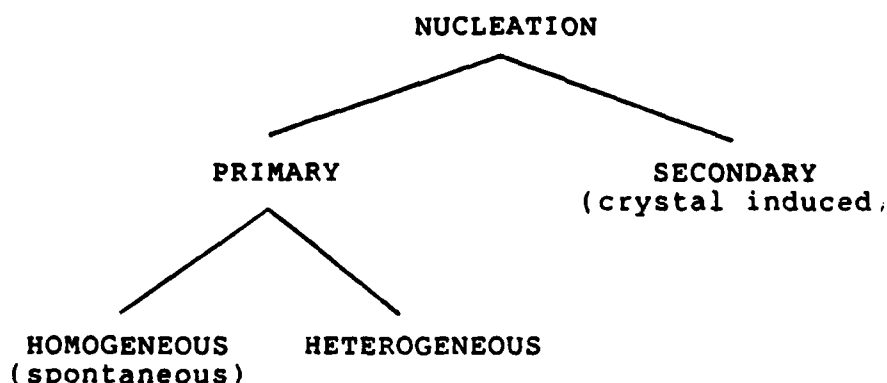


Figure 1. Hierarchy of Crystallization Terms

Most crystals are formed around some sort of dust or debris, heterogeneous nucleation. Most reported cases of spontaneous crystallization are in fact seeded in some manner such as by atmospheric dust. Normal aqueous solutions contain  $10^6 - 10^8$  particles per cubic centimeter.<sup>28</sup> Industrially, crystallization is carried out through heterogeneous or secondary nucleation. Deliberate seeding gives some control over product size and distribution. The rainmaking silver iodide is an example. It has the ability to crystallize water in the atmosphere due to the similarity of the AgI crystal lattice and that of  $H_2O$ . Many factors are involved in the ability of a material to seed crystals. Lattice

similarity may or may not contribute to the crystallization process.<sup>28</sup>

### Phase Diagrams

Knowledge of phase diagrams is required to understand the operation of a crystallizer. The phase diagram is the equilibrium relationship at specified concentration and one other extensive variable (pressure or temperature). This work focuses on the pressure variation.

For discussion, an example of a binary system with eutectic and continuous solid solution will be examined in Figure 2.  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are pressures corresponding to pure component transition pressures. At these points the liquid, mother liquor, and solid of these pure components are at equilibrium. The point,  $e$ , at the intersection of the two curves is called the eutectic point. The two curves go through  $e$  due to the effect of subcooling. The pressure increase or supersaturation is required to form crystals. The pressure corresponding to this point is labeled  $P_e$ . The solid and liquid at this pressure,  $P_e$ , are of the same composition,  $X_e$ .



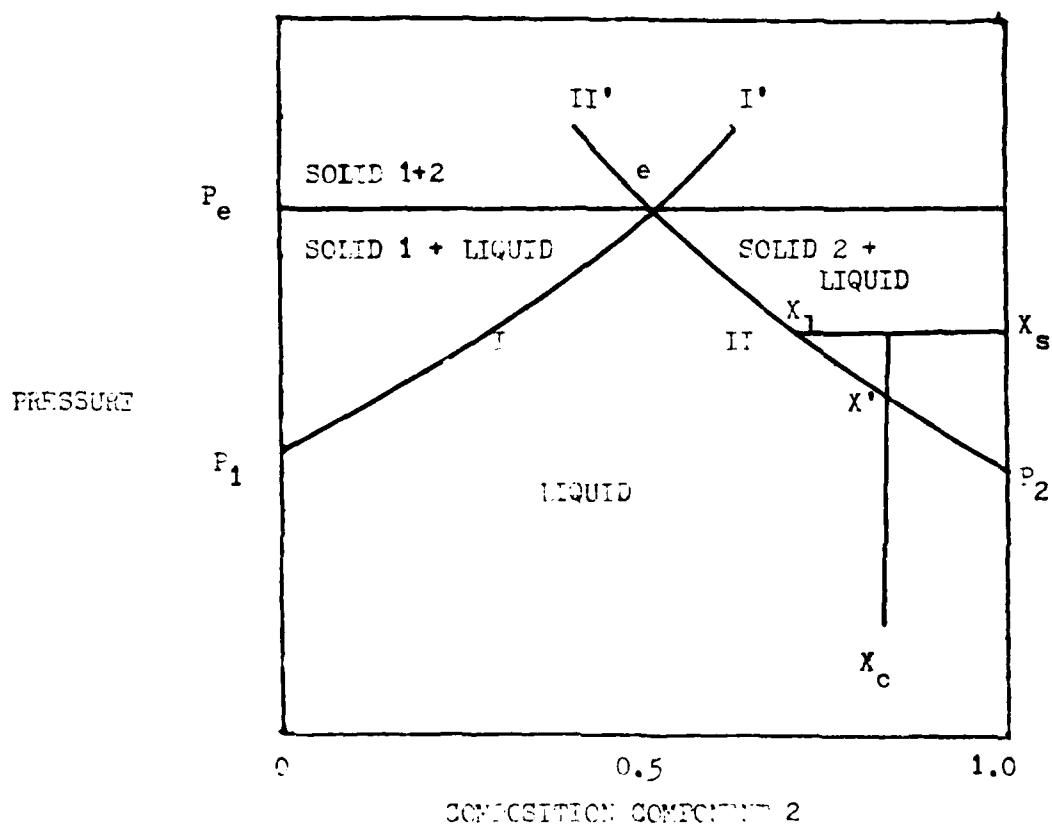


Figure 2. Example of binary system with eutectic and continuous solid solution

Now that the basic points of interest on the phase diagram have been examined, further discussion may proceed on the usefulness of phase diagrams. Assuming a solution of composition  $X_C$ , the pressure can be increased to  $P_C$  where the first solid component 2 should begin to form. As the amount of solid grows, the concentration of component 1 grows in the mother liquor. At any desired separation, there are two phase concentrations.<sup>37</sup>

Figure 2 can be used to find the relative quantities of solid and liquid using mass balances. This known as the lever rule, involves measuring certain lengths on the graph.

#### Mass balances

$$\text{Overall: } F = l + s \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Component 2: } F \cdot X_C = l \cdot X_1 + s \cdot X_s \quad (2)$$

$$F \cdot X_C = l \cdot X_C + (F-l) X_C \quad (3)$$

$$l/F = \frac{X_C - X_s}{X_1 - X_s} \quad (4)$$

$$l/F = \frac{\text{distance between } X_C \text{ and } X_s}{\text{distance between } X_1 \text{ and } X_s} \quad (5)$$

Also:

$$s/F = \frac{\text{distance between } X_1 \text{ and } X_C}{\text{distance between } X_1 \text{ and } X_s} \quad (6)$$

Binary mixtures to some degree do not crystallize out in pure form. Due to an inconsistent crystal

lattice, some impurity may be introduced. The result can be a solid solution. Some are completely miscible but others may have very small solubilities.

There are other relationships in addition those shown on Figure 2 which also must be understood to discuss high pressure crystallization. The first of these is the relationship between pressure and volume decrease under isothermal conditions, Figure 3.

Curve A represents the phase change for the pure liquid material. Crystallization proceeds by compression at constant pressure,  $A_1$  to  $A_2$ , beyond  $A$ , all material is solid and compression of the solid phase again marks a rise in pressure. The curve B represents the impure material. The difference between  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  is the transition pressure elevation. Like the freezing temperature depression, the pressure difference is a function of the amount of impurity.

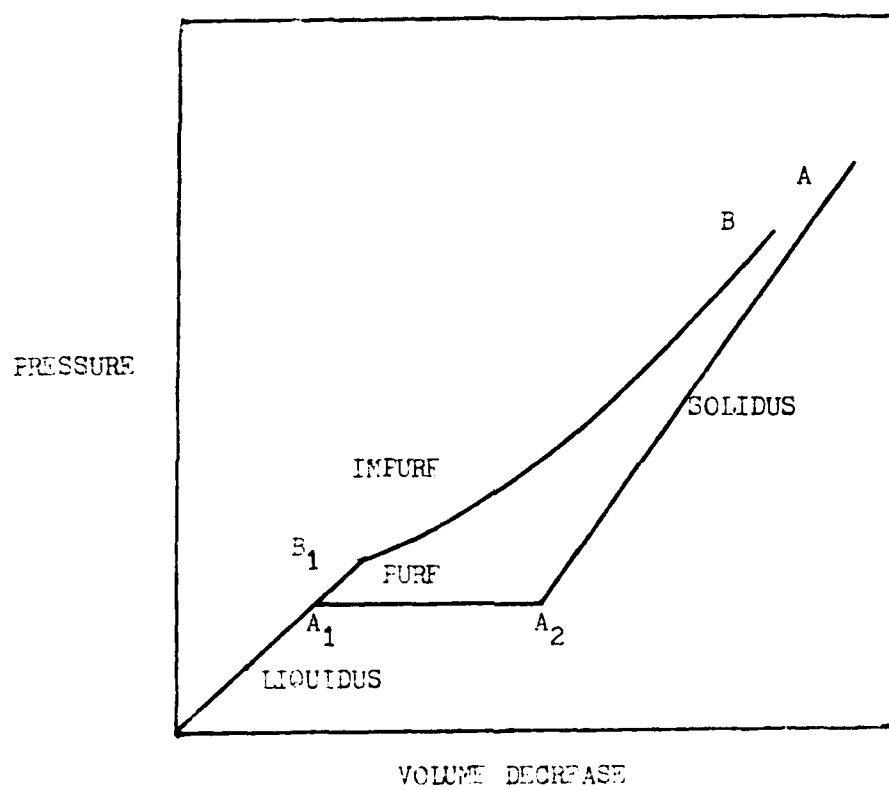


Figure 3. Phase change under pressure of pure (A) and impure (B)

Figure 4 is an example of this for the benzene-cyclohexane system. It is pressure versus fraction of solid, but it is about the same as pressure and volume decrease between  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . The curve A is 99.5% benzene. The curve B is 100% benzene. Clearly, curve A shows the transition pressure elevation phenomenon.

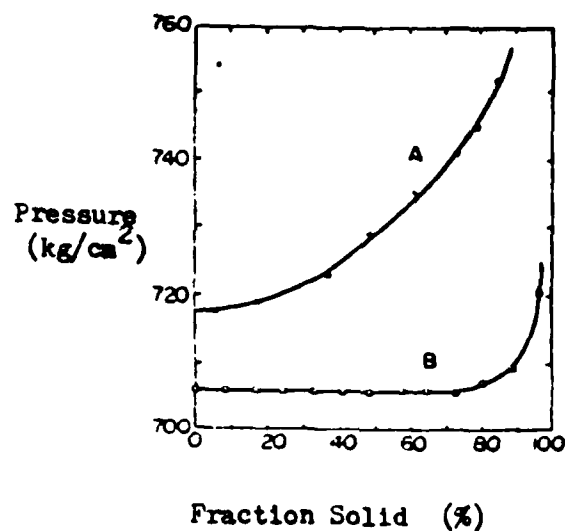


Figure 4. Transition pressure of pure (B) and impure (A) benzene vs. fraction solid <sup>22</sup>

### Common Processes

There are two methods to apply the driving force to a crystallization process. The first and perhaps most obvious is to remove heat to drop the temperature. This is the more obvious due to the frequency of occurrence. In most areas ice is a common winter sight. The second driving force is to increase the pressure. It should be known that the freezing point of most liquids increases with the addition of pressure. It should also be realized that the liquid will freeze with the addition of enough pressure.

### Common Temperature Processes

With an understanding of phase diagrams, some of the common crystallization processes may be discussed. The first and the simplest is normal freezing. This process slowly freezes the impure mixture to a well defined interface. Freezing proceeds until the desired amount of product is frozen and the remaining mother liquor is discarded. This process is also known as progressive freezing. To identify a progressive freezing process, an interface perpendicular to the longest dimension of the crystallizer will be found.

Gouw<sup>13</sup> attempted to optimize batch normal freezing by using programmed temperature with time. His study found that impurity deposit was not affected early in the freezing cycle. However, late in the cycle, the impurities in the deposited solid could be minimized with the programmed temperature approach. Normal freezing has been used to purify continuous solid solutions.

Fractional melting is another method. It uses slow freezing followed by slow melting. In this process the impurity freezes last and melts first. The impurity remains in concentrated pockets in the melt. The pockets drain to leave a progressively purer solid behind. Glassgow and Ross<sup>12</sup> cite some considerations for use of a fractional melting process. First, the system should segregate simply by cooling. No solid solutions are formed. Second, the system mass should be slowly cooled and reheated close to equilibrium conditions, avoiding any inclusion of the impurity. They recommend use of a closed system to avoid problems involved with handling of toxic, odorous or unstable compounds. They also recommend an adequate driving-force to remove the mother liquor adhering to the crystals. Desirable systems would produce large crystals and have a mother liquor of low viscosity. Aston and Mastrangelo<sup>3</sup>, also recognizing these factors, used compressible vanes to squeeze the mother liquor from the crystals and in doing so, reduced the equilibrium time.

The first industrial crystallizer, the Proabd refiner, was originally used to purify naphthene. Economics of an industrial process are very important and equilibrium is traded for productivity. The separation factor obtained,  $K$ , will be less than that which could be achieved by equilibrium. For supervision and labor requirements to be minimized, the process is operated in long cycles which vary from 24 - 48 hours. Half of this time is used for cooling, the remaining half for warming, draining and refilling. The crystallizer is a large container with a heat exchange network capable of uniform heat transfer. The flow rate of the heat exchange medium is kept high to maintain a small temperature difference,  $.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and uniform conditions.<sup>20</sup>

The product liquid, when drained, will be of varying composition. Many fractions could be removed, however, for practical considerations only three are removed. The mother liquor is the first removed and is later discarded or recycled to a unit process before the crystallizer. The second is a crystallizer recycle, usually of purity equal to, or greater than that of the feed. The final fraction is the pure product fraction.<sup>20</sup>

#### Common Pressure Processes

It is obvious that heat transfer problems must be



solved to operate the Proabd refiner, however, this paper is concerned with the pressure driven, adiabatic, crystallization process. There are two methods to be considered to carry out the crystallization. The first is a gas pressurized process. The idea with this method is to use the gas to apply the work and crystallize the liquid. This is desirable due to the low cost of the crystallizer. There would be no working parts or piston. The use of a reciprocating compressor would introduce more cost but perhaps less than the large piston of the second process. There is no known process which is operated in this manner. The second method is hydraulic. A large piston at low pressure drives a smaller piston in the crystallizer. Working in this manner, M. Moritoki and co-workers have developed a pilot plant capable of producing industrial quantities.<sup>25</sup> Their process is adiabatically pressurized which is accompanied by a temperature rise. This Kobe Steel group found that the initial state and increase in pressure would determine the temperature, solid fraction and mother liquor concentration. Figure 5 is a diagram of the process.<sup>18</sup>

This process operates in five steps. Figure 6 is a pressure-temperature diagram of operation of the process. First, A, the piston is raised to introduce the feed followed by the second step, B - C, the adiabatic pressurization. Third, C - D, the liquor is removed by filtering through a mesh. The fourth step, D - E, is the

compaction and sweating of the crystals still under pressure. This step reduces the pressure to allow the crystals to melt and wash the liquor from the surfaces. Finally, the compressed, washed cake is removed if solid or drained if liquid.<sup>18</sup>

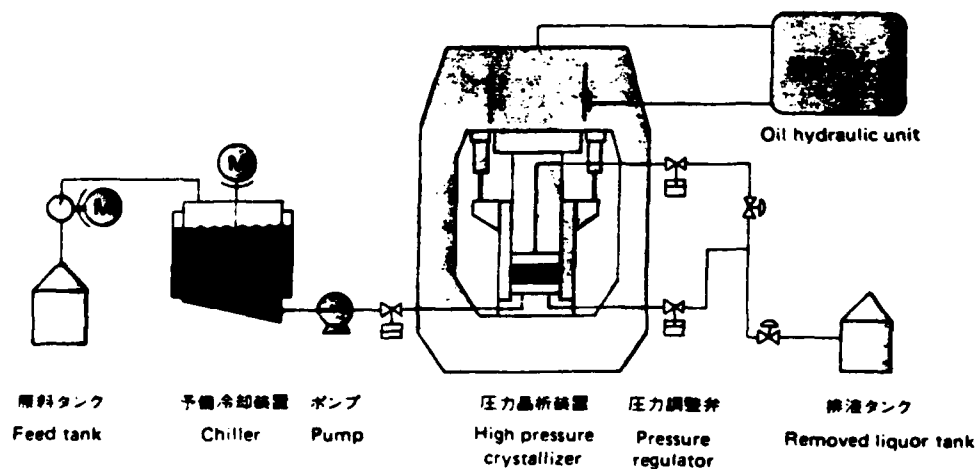


Figure 5. Diagram of Kobe Steel High Pressure Crystallization Process <sup>25</sup>

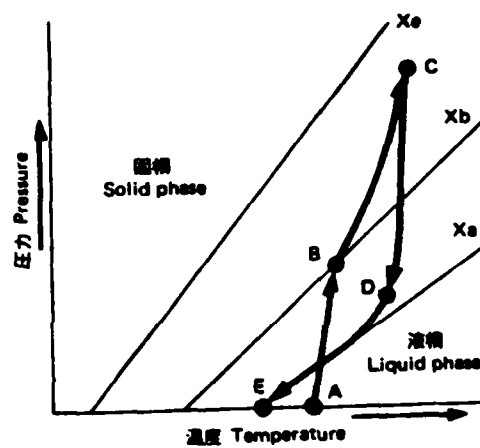


Figure 6. Pressure-Temperature relationship for Kobe Steel adiabatic crystallization process <sup>25</sup>

- a- equilibrium line of pure substance
- b- equilibrium line for initial concentration
- c- equilibrium line for eutectic concentration

After many trials, Moritoki and co-workers at Kobe Steel concluded that the distribution coefficient could be reduced with increasing pressure. At each pressure-temperature pair a distribution coefficient is obtained. From this coefficient an exit concentration can be calculated and is reported. For the benzene - cyclohexane system, Figure 7 was reported.<sup>22</sup>

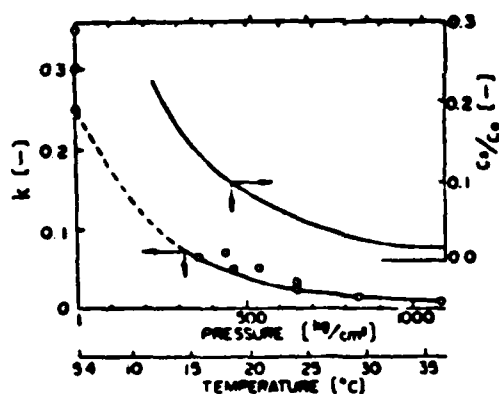


Figure 7. Relationship of  $k$  and  $C_s/C_o$  to operating conditions for benzene-cyclohexane system<sup>22</sup>

Systems under high pressure are subject to a second desirable effect. The eutectic has a tendency to move right, as in Figure 8. With increasing pressure, this allows for a greater possible theoretical separation.<sup>23</sup>

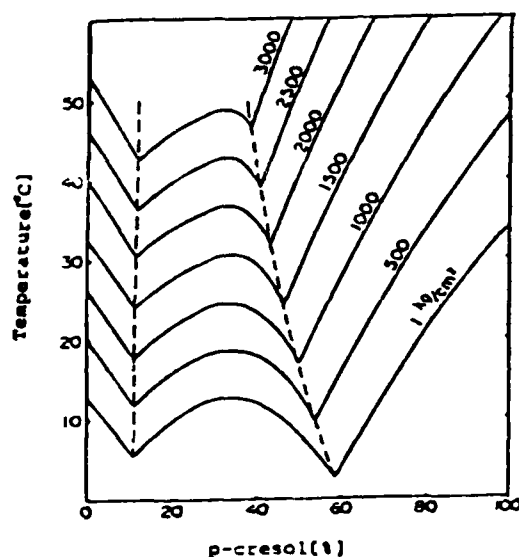


Figure 8. Phase diagram of m- and p-cresol <sup>23</sup>

The experimental values of the Kobe Steel group indicated that 90 - 100% of the theoretical yields could be obtained. Since this is a pressure change operation, several operations may be simply and rapidly carried out.

Pressure is rather uniform throughout the crystallizer and the operating cycle. This is the major factor which reduces the minimum operating cycle time and uniform impurity distribution.

### Distillation

The purpose of this work is to economically compare a design for a high pressure crystallization to distillation. So a brief discussion of distillation is warranted.

Distillation is defined as the process of producing vapor from a liquid in a vessel and collecting and condensing the vapors into liquids. This is done in many steps with each step progressively purer. The separating agent in distillation is heat and separation is based on differences in vapor pressures or boiling points. The following is an example of the vapor-liquid equilibrium necessary to study distillation. Figure 9 is an example of the vapor-liquid equilibrium relationship with a McCabe-Thiele diagram. As seen in Figure 9, the higher the desired purity the greater the number of stages required. This side of the phase diagram, separation at high purity is referred to as a pinch point.

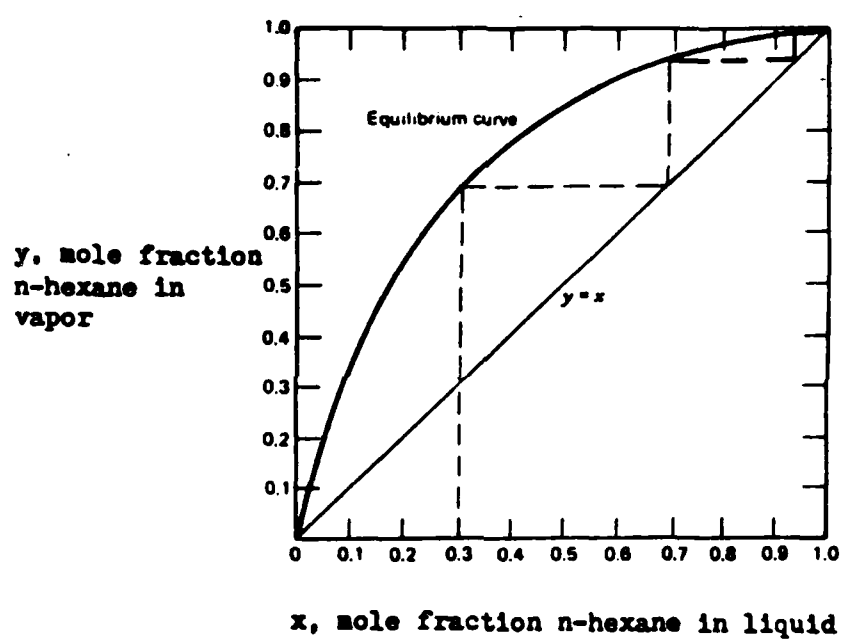


Figure 9. Vapor-liquid phase diagram for illustration.<sup>30</sup>



As illustrated in Figure 9, high increases in purity can be realized by distillation in the middle range but as an increasingly pure liquid is fed in each stage a lower increase in purity is realized. An increasing number of stages are required to obtain a product more than 99% pure. The result is a much higher energy cost.

### Minimum Work

In an economic comparison, energy costs are also important. The minimum energy of separation related to the each process is different. The minimum work of each process is needed to compare. First distillation is studied. Then the minimum work applying to the high pressure process is examined.

#### Minimum Work of Distillation

King<sup>17</sup> classifies distillation as a potentially reversible process. That can be viewed similarly to a heat engine. The column operates by taking in heat and producing a separation. Then, the reversible heat entering would be:

$$Q_H (T_H - T_O)/T_O \quad (7)$$

The heat leaving would be:

$$Q_L (T_L - T_O)/T_L \quad (8)$$

$Q_H$  - Heat entering the high temperature engine  
 $Q_L$  - Heat entering the low temperature engine  
 $T_H$  - High temperature  
 $T_L$  - Low temperature  
 $T_O$  - Reservoir temperature

The net work would be the difference between the heat entering and the heat leaving the system.

$$W_n = Q_H (T_H - T_O)/T_H - Q_L (T_L - T_O)/T_L \quad (9)$$

Assuming no mechanical work, the energy differences between the product and feed will be small. The heat flows reduce to:

$$Q_H = Q_L = Q \quad (10)$$

and equation (9) simplifies to:

$$W_n = Q T_O (1/T_L - 1/T_H) \quad (11)$$

If the condenser is considered the low temperature region and the reboiler considered the high temperature region, then equation (11) becomes:

$$W_n = Q_C T_O (1/T_C - 1/T_R) \quad (12)$$

$Q_C$  is determined by using minimum reflux:<sup>17</sup>

$$L_{min} = \frac{x_d x_f}{x_f - x_d} \quad (13)$$

Also, when the minimum reflux reaches an asymptotic value,

$$L_{min} = \frac{x_d}{x_f - x_d} \quad (14)$$

$\lambda$  is the latent heat of vaporization.

$$Q_C = \lambda (L_{\min} + d) \quad (15)$$

$$d/f = x_f. \quad (16)$$

Also for a close boiling mixture  $L_{\min} > d$ . This and combining (15) and (16) leads to:

$$Q_C = \lambda /(\alpha - 1) F \quad (17)$$

$\alpha$  and  $\lambda$  can be determined using the Clausius - Clapeyron equation:<sup>8</sup>

$$\frac{d \ln P}{d 1/T} = - \frac{\lambda}{R} \quad (18)$$

The overhead temperature,  $T_C$ , for a component in a complete separation is close to the boiling point of that component at the column pressure. Likewise,  $T_R$  is close to the boiling point of the less volatile component. The vapor pressure of the more volatile component at the bottoms temperature would be  $\alpha$  times the column pressure. By integrating the Clapeyron equation, the result is:

$$\ln \alpha = \lambda /R (1/T_C - 1/T_R) \quad (19)$$

With the assumption of an  $\alpha$  close to 1, or a close boiling mixture,  $\ln \alpha$  equals  $\alpha - 1$ . The  $\alpha$  for the benzene-cyclohexane system is 1.059 at 0°C, 1.027 at 25°C, and 1.003 at 50°C. The is some temperature dependence but the assumption of  $\alpha$  close to 1 remains valid.

The assumption of      and by combining (11), (17) and (19):

$$W_n = R F T_o \quad (20)$$

For any reflux above minimum, the equation would be increased by a factor of actual vapor rate divided by minimum vapor rate:

$$W_n = \frac{(\text{Actual vapor rate})}{(\text{Minimum vapor rate})} R F T_o$$

$$= \frac{(L_{\text{Actual}} + d)}{(L_{\text{min}} + d)} R F T_o$$

#### Minimum Work of Pressurization

The minimum work for the pressurization process is much simpler. If the assumption is made that the compression is done adiabatically, reversibly, the solid is pure, and all solid is recovered as pure product, then the minimum work is:

$$W = \int_1^2 P \, dv \quad (21)$$

Given an equation of state for the solution, the work can easily be calculated.

#### IV. Design of Process

To do a specific comparison of distillation to high pressure crystallization, a material or system must be chosen. Benzene of 90% and cyclohexane of 10% were used. Benzene is an important building block for styrene or phenol in many modern synthetic fiber and resin processes.<sup>19</sup> Now that a system is chosen, the production rate must be determined. Presently, several conventional benzene production plants are under construction worldwide. These plants are designed for annual production rates between  $10^5$  and  $10^8$  Kg/year.<sup>16</sup> Also, Chaty<sup>6</sup> compares various industrial processes where the annual flow rates for benzene production are  $10^6$ - $10^7$  Kg/year.<sup>6</sup> With these data, an annual production rate of  $1 \times 10^6$  Kg/year was chosen.

The third decision is to determine a reasonable cycle time for the high pressure crystallization. Mortiki and co-workers<sup>25</sup> indicate a minimum cycle time for their process of 2 minutes, allowing 10 seconds for pressurization and equilibrium, 40 seconds for filtration and the remaining time for sweating and compacting.

Correspondence with Mr. Mortiki suggests a time of several minutes. The absence of data, and the decision to use an inert gas for the compression, required a high estimate of 30 minutes per cycle.

A phase diagram for this system is also necessary. Figure 10 is the phase diagram for the benzene-cyclohexane system.

Finally, an initial temperature of 25° C was selected for the adiabatic process.

#### Crystallizer Design with Gas Pressurization

A basis has been completed so the process equipment may now be sized. The separation of the cyclohexane is first determined. Moritoki published a relationship of solid phase concentration to initial concentration for the impurity, Figure 7.<sup>22</sup>

At 25° C, the  $C_s/C_o$  is found to be .027, which corresponds to a product of 99.7% benzene.

An outlet concentration must be selected for the mother liquor. There is an optimum between increase in pressure and reduction in waste. The outlet concentration was selected to be 75% benzene, corresponding to a maximum pressure of 1400 Kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, as seen in Figure 10.<sup>18</sup> Assuming 8,000 hours of operation

and 16,000 cycles per year, the product rate per cycle is 62.5 Kg or 137.75 lbs.

Thus far, no specifics about the process have been discussed and the process layout need not be known.

The crystallizer is central to the design. The means by which to increase the pressure must also be provided. Therefore, a compressor, followed by a heat exchanger, will be necessary. The crystallizer feed stream may also need to be precooled to remove the heats of compression and fusion. Hence, the flow diagram would be Figure 11. The crystallizer is shown in Figure 12.

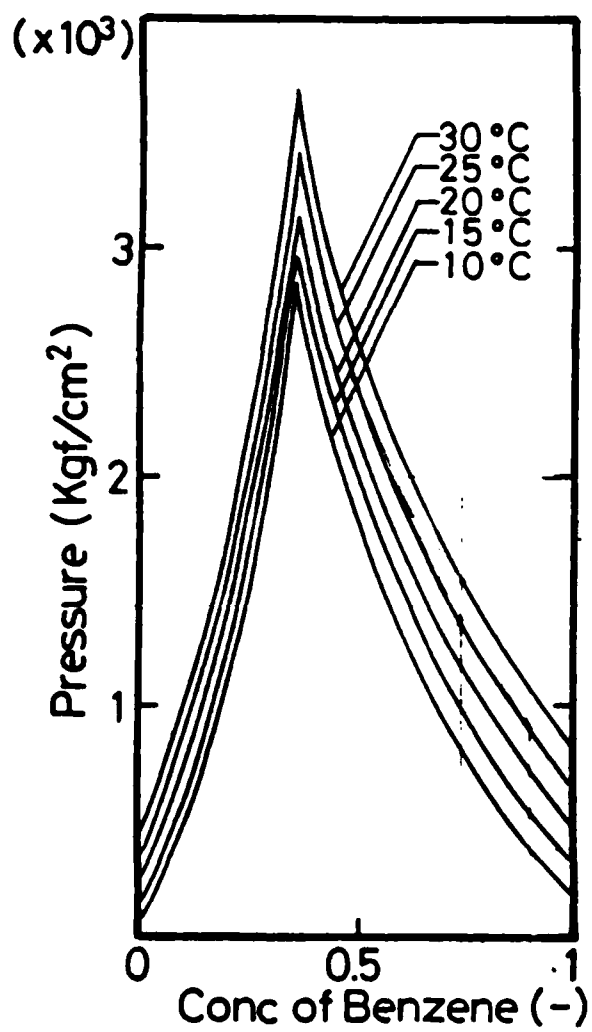


Figure 10. Phase diagram for benzene-cyclohexane system 26



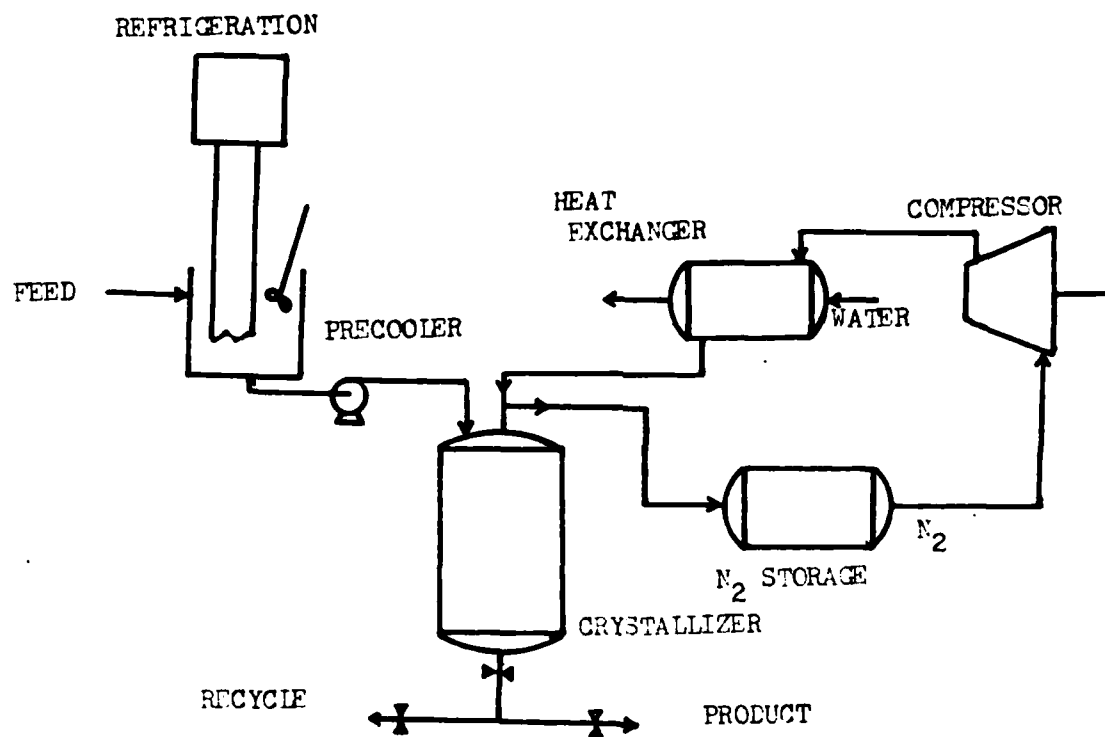


Figure 11. Flow diagram for gas pressurized crystallization process

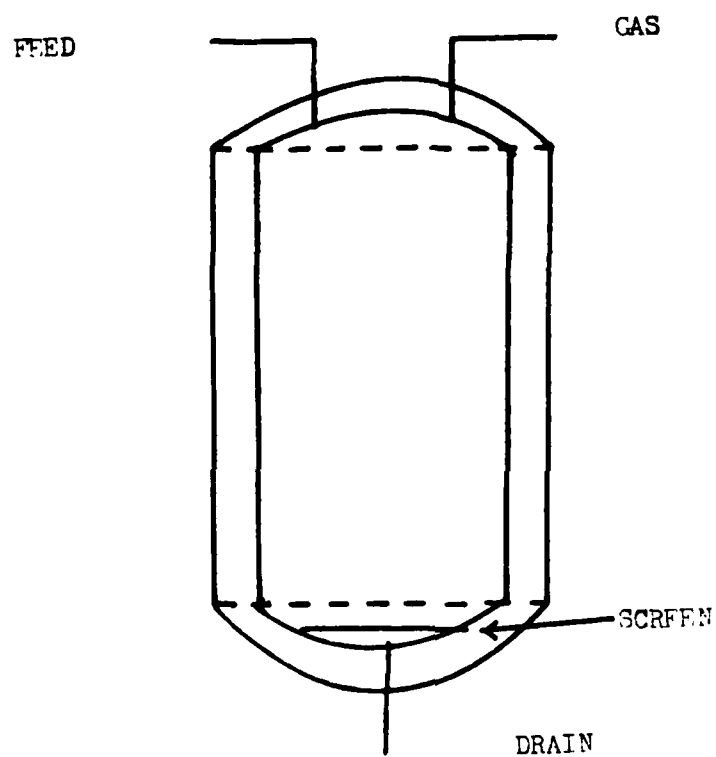


Figure 12. Crystallizer for gas pressurization process

### Mass Balance

Knowing concentrations in all streams and the product flow rate, a mass balance may be completed on the crystallizer loop.

$$\begin{aligned} C_s &= .002 \\ C_o &= .1 \\ C_w &= .25 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Product} = 62.5 \text{ Kg/cycle}$$

$$\text{Total Mass: Feed} = \text{Product} + \text{Waste} \quad (22)$$

$$\text{Cyclohexane Mass: } C_o \cdot \text{Feed} = C_s \cdot \text{Product} + C_w \cdot \text{Waste} \quad (23)$$

$$(.1)(\text{Feed}) = (.002)(62.5) + (.25)(\text{Waste})$$

by solving (22) and (23).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Feed} &= 102.9 \text{ Kg/cycle} \\ \text{Waste} &= 40.4 \text{ Kg/cycle} \end{aligned}$$

### Crystallizer Volume at $P_o$

At atmospheric pressure, the feed volume is known and the system volume can be calculated.

$$\text{Volume} = (M_{BZ})(V_{BZ}) + (M_{CH})(V_{CH}) \quad (24)$$

$$V_{BZ} = 1.138 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm}$$

$$V_{CH} = 1.284 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm}$$

$$\text{Volume} = (102.9)(.9)(1.138) + (102.9)(.1)(1.284)$$

$$\text{Volume} = 118.62 \text{ L}$$

### Crystallizer Volume at P

For benzene, Gehrig and Lentz<sup>9</sup> report a modified Tait equation for P in MPa:

$$\frac{V_0 - V}{V} = A \ln \frac{(B + P)}{(B + P_0)} \quad (25)$$

In the 25° C range:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= .1845 \\ B &= 194.5 \text{ MPa.} \end{aligned}$$

For cyclohexane, another version of the Tait equation is reported for P in Kp/cm<sup>2</sup>:<sup>33</sup>

$$\frac{V_0 - V}{V_0} = C \log \frac{B + P}{B} \quad (26)$$

In the 25° C range:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= .2272 \\ B &= 723.3 \text{ Kp/cm}^2. \end{aligned}$$

P is 1400 Kp/cm<sup>2</sup> at 25° C and 75% benzene. Also, P<sub>0</sub> is 1 atm and the V<sub>0</sub>'s are:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{0 \text{ BZ}} &= 1.138 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm} \\ V_{0 \text{ CH}} &= 1.284 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm} \end{aligned}$$

Each equation of state uses different units of pressure.

$$P = 1400 \text{ kg/cm}^2 = 137.0 \text{ MPa} = 1350 \text{ atm} = 1395 \text{ kp/cm}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_{0 \text{ BZ}} - V_{1 \text{ BZ}}}{V_{1 \text{ BZ}}} &= .1845 \ln \frac{194.5 + 137.0}{194.5 + .101} \\ V_{1 \text{ BZ}} &= 1.036 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm} \end{aligned}$$

From Bridgman<sup>5</sup>, the change in volume of solid benzene  $\Delta V/V_0$  is .0902.<sup>5</sup>

$$\frac{\Delta V}{V_0} = \frac{V_0 - V}{V_0} = .0902$$

$$V_{s \text{ BZ}} = .943 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm}$$

$$\frac{V_{0 \text{ CH}} - V_{1 \text{ CH}}}{V_{0 \text{ CH}}} = .2272 \ln \frac{920 + 1395}{920}$$

$$V_{1 \text{ CH}} = 1.167 \text{ cm}^3/\text{gm}$$

At the maximum pressure, the volume will be composed of the product amount of solid and the liquid quantity of waste.

Volume = solid benzene + liquid benzene  
+ liquid cyclohexane

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= (167.5)(.943) + (40.4)(1.036) \\ &\quad + (40.4)(.25)(1.167) \\ &= 102.1 \text{ L} \end{aligned}$$

Liquid Volume = 43.2 L

#### Nitrogen Needed

The volume decrease between  $P$  and  $P_0$  can now be calculated and the amount of liquid is known. The amount of nitrogen needed to be compressed is calculable. This solubility data on Nitrogen in benzene is available at 120 atm and 25° C.<sup>11</sup> It is

understood that the operating pressure of the system is much higher. But, at the highest pressure the system would be mostly solid. The solubility of nitrogen in the solid would be small. These data will be assumed close for this liquid system.

$$\begin{aligned} X_{N_2} &= .0551 \quad \text{mole fraction} \\ &= .02050 \quad \text{mass fraction} \end{aligned}$$

So, the nitrogen dissolved is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mass solution} &= (.02050)(40.4) \\ &= .828 \text{ Kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V &= 118.6 - 102.2 \\ &= 16.5 \text{ L} \end{aligned}$$

$$P \Delta V = ZnRT$$

$$P_r = 40.3$$

$$T_r = 2.36$$

$$Z = 2.2$$

$$(1350)(16.51) = (2.2) n (82.06)(298)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= .4140 \text{ Kg mole} \\ &= 11.59 \text{ Kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total mass nitrogen} = 12.68 \text{ Kg}$$

Due to the assumed solubility this may be a high estimate.

The volume (SCF) of gas can also be calculated:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) V &= (.4530)(.7306)(637) \\ &= 463 \text{ SCF} \end{aligned}$$

### Pressure Vessel Design

The crystallizer, a high pressure vessel, has a large number of regulations involved with its design. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, (ASME), have established rules and standards governing safety, design, fabrication and inspection.<sup>1</sup> The desired vessel is a cylindrical shell with a 50 cm ID and 2:1 ellipsoidal heads. The maximum pressure is 19,700 psi and material of construction is A-302B with an allowable stress of 26,500 psi.<sup>1</sup> All joints will be fully radiographed in accordance with UW-11(a), Reference 1. The joint efficiency is 1.0 when joints are fully radiographed.

Shell circumferential stress is calculated for thick cylindrical shells from Appendix 1,1-2(a)(1), Reference 1.

$$t = R (Z^{.5} - 1) \quad (29)$$

$$Z = \frac{S \times E + P}{S \times E - P} \quad (30)$$

$$t = (25) \left[ \frac{(26500 + 19700)}{(26500 - 19700)} \right]^{.5} - 1$$

$$= 40.2 \text{ cm}$$

Shell longitudinal stress is also calculated for thick cylindrical shells in accordance with Appendix 1, 1-2(a)(2), Reference 1.

$$t = R (Z^{.5} - 1) \quad (31)$$

$$Z = (P/(S \times E) + 1) \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &= (25)((19700/26500 + 1)^{.5} - 1) \\ &= 8.01 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

The largest of the two values is used. The shell thickness would be 40.2 cm. The heads are to be 2:1 ellipsoidal in accordance with UG-32(d), Reference 1.

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \frac{P \times D}{2 S \times E - .2 P} \quad (33) \\ &= \frac{(19700)(50)}{(2)(26500)(1) - (.2)(19700)} \\ &= 20.07 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

To proceed further in sizing the crystallizer the length of the vessel must be determined. This is found by subtracting the volume of the heads from the total volume needed and dividing that difference by the crystallizer cross-sectional area. Once the length is known, an approximate volume of the construction material of can be found. Since pressure vessels are



roughly priced by total weight, these calculations will complete the cost.

$$V_E = 4/3 \pi a b c \quad (34)$$

The variables a, b, and c are the lengths of the semi-axes.

$$V_E = (4/3) \pi (25) (25) (12.5) / (1000) \\ = 32.7 \text{ l}$$

$$V_S = 135.3 - (2)(32.7) \\ = 69.9 \text{ l}$$

$$L_S = V_S / \pi R^2 \\ = (69900) / \pi (25)^2 \\ = 35.6 \text{ cm}$$

The volume of building material of the shell and the heads must be determined. The volumes calculated using the outside radius are subtracted from the volume inside radius.

$$V_{MS} = \pi L ((R+t_S) - R) \quad (35) \\ = 35.6 ((25+ 40.2) - 25) \\ = 4.053 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$V_{MH} = (4/3) \pi ((a+t_H)(b+t_H)(c+t_H) - abc) \quad (36) \\ = (4/3) \pi ((45.1)(45.1)(32.6) - 25^2 12.5) \\ = 2.778 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$V_{\text{total}} = 9.609 \times 10^5 \text{ cm}^3 \\ = .29 \text{ lb/in}^3 \\ = 1.77 \times 10^{-2} \text{ lb/cm}^3$$

$$\text{Mass} = 1.204 \times 10^4 \text{ lb}$$

Applying data from Figure 6, Reference 6, the cost per pound would be \$ 1.20 and an additional \$ .60 for stainless steel construction.

Total cost = \$ 21,700

#### Minimum Work

Finally, the minimum work for the compression of the liquid mixture must be calculated. This calculation, as stated earlier, is simply the integral of  $PdV$ . The work is calculated in 3 parts.

The integrals of  $PdV$  for liquid benzene and liquid cyclohexane are summed over each range of specific volume. The integral of  $PdV$  is also calculated for the transition of benzene from liquid to solid and the compression of the solid. The following equations are used;

for liquid benzene:<sup>9</sup>

$$\frac{V_0 - V}{V} = A \ln \frac{B + P}{B + P_0} \quad (25)$$

for liquid cyclohexane:<sup>33</sup>

$$\frac{V_0 - V}{V_0} = C \log \frac{B + P}{B} \quad (26)$$

The benzene liquid - solid transition is known. Data from Bridgman for solid benzene was developed into the line for the P-V relationship over the interval  $680 < P < 1500 \text{ kp/cm}^2$ .<sup>5</sup>

$$P = 101,500 (V_0 - V)/V_0 - 15,520 \quad (37)$$

For illustration, large step sizes will be used. More reasonable steps are used with a design program to be used with Flowtran, only a few points are reported and graphed. Data was only available for one point between the pressure of initial crystallization and the highest pressure achieved. These data give the line above.

Table 1  
Results of Work Done on Liquid Components

Pressure (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Pressure average (atm)	$\Delta V$ (L/Kg) 10 <sup>-3</sup>	Benzene Pave $\Delta V$ (atm L/Kg)	$\Delta V$ (L/Kg) 10 <sup>-3</sup>	Cyclohexane Pave $\Delta V$ (atm L/Kg)
1					
100	49.0	1.000	.5	1.273	.6
200	145.6	.920	1.3	1.152	1.7
300	242.7	.855	2.1	1.068	2.6
400	339.8	.805	2.7	.967	3.3
500	436.9	.745	3.3	.908	4.0
600	534.0	.700	3.7	.845	4.5
700	631.1	.655	4.2	.790	5.0
Total work per kilogram (atm L/Kg)			17.8		
800	728.2	1.88	13.7	.748	5.4
900	825.2	.66	5.4	.707	5.8
1000	922.3	.63	5.8	.673	6.2
1100	1019.4	.61	6.2	.629	6.4
1200	1116.5	.58	6.5	.605	6.7
1300	1213.6	.55	6.7	.573	7.0
1350	1286.4	.27	3.5	.280	3.6
Total work per pound (atm L/Kg)			65.6		62.9

Table 2  
Results of Work Done on Solid Benzene

Pressure (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Pressure (average) (atm)	$\Delta V_{\text{TRANS}}$	V (L/Kg)	$\Delta V$	Pave $\Delta V$ (atm L/Kg)	$\Delta V_{\text{TRANS}}$
680		.1596	1.045			
1400	1003	.1794	1.051	.00494	4.95	179.9
2500		.1992	1.058			
Total work per pound (atm L/Kg)					184.9	

These totals can be multiplied by the quantity of each component of the mixture to give an estimate of the work required for the compression.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Work} &= \text{Solid Benzene} + \text{Liquid Benzene} \\ &\quad + \text{Liquid Cyclohexane} \quad (38) \\ &= (184.9)(62.5) + (65.6)(30.2) + (17.8)(62.5) \\ &\quad + (62.9)(10.3) \\ &= 15,300 \text{ L atm} \\ &= 1500 \text{ BTU} \\ &= 10.25 \text{ BTU/Kg}\end{aligned}$$

Tables 1 and 2 give reasonable estimates for the work required. A more accurate model was constructed by writing a FORTRAN program to do the above calculations. Table 3 gives the result of that program and Figure 13 graphically shows the pressure-temperature relationship.

Table 3  
Work on Benzene-Cyclohexane System

Pressure(atm)	Work(BTU) Cycle	lb Product	Temperature Difference( $^{\circ}$ F)
23.6	7	.1	.1
158.9	75	.6	.8
294.2	174	1.3	1.9
429.5	286	2.1	3.2
564.9	405	2.9	4.5
700.2	524	3.8	5.8
835.5	645	4.7	7.1
970.9	765	5.6	8.5
1016.0	862	6.3	9.5
1061.1	961	7.0	10.6
1106.2	1044	7.6	11.6
1151.3	1116	8.1	12.4
1196.4	1180	8.6	13.1
1241.5	1238	9.0	13.7
1286.6	1291	9.4	14.3
1331.7	1407	10.2	16.7

#### Precooler

From the data it is clear that the heat of compression (work) and heat of fusion must be removed. This will allow the system to crystallize at the desired temperature of  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . A cooler must be designed to remove 1407 BTU per operating cycle. Again, an overall heat transfer coefficient of 26 BTU/lbmol  $\text{ft}^2$   $^{\circ}\text{F}$  will be used. The temperature difference will be  $20^{\circ}\text{F}$ . This will be carried out in a stirred jacketed tank.

This process needs some means of cooling the feed stream by removing 1407 BTU in  $2/3$  of a cycle. A

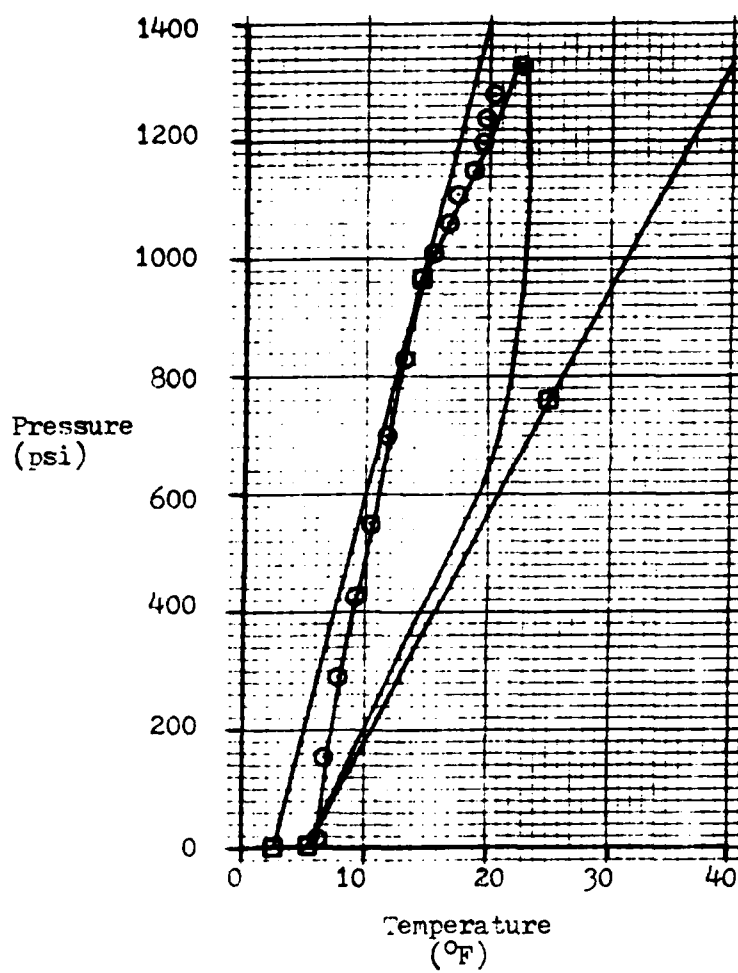


Figure 13. Pressure-temperature relationship for benzene-cyclohexane system.

HIGH PRESSURE CRYSTALLIZER  
BLOCK - BHPC NAME - CRYST  
OPERATING PRESSURE = 1354.292ATM  
CRYSTALLIZER VOLUME = 117.779L  
SPECIFIC VOLUME OF BENZENE [cc/g]  
LIQUID AT P0 1.13800 LIQUID AT P 1.05327  
SOLID AT P 0.95638  
SPECIFIC VOLUME OF N-HEXANE [cc/g]  
LIQUID AT P0 = 1.28400 LIQUID AT P = 1.16857  
SHELL THICKNESS[IN]=15.55492SHELL MASS[LB]= 8693.15  
HEAD THICKNESS[IN]= 7.83211HEAD MASS[LB]= 3954.87  
CRYSTALLIZER COST = \$ 22766.44  
MINIMUM WORK PER HOUR = 2815.598BTU  
MINIMUM WORK PER POUND PRODUCT 9.483  
NITROGEN DISTRIBUTION [LB]  
IN SOLUTION = 6.60IN GAS PHASE = 23.37  
CONCENTRATION OF IMPURITY (N-HEXANE)  
IN = 0.097414PRODUCT = 0.001656MOTHER LIQUOR = 0.750000

Figure 14. Flowtran output for gas pressurized system



refrigeration plant of .40 ton-day capacity would be sufficient. Figure 13-81, Reference 30, has data on  $\text{NH}_3$  refrigeration plants. The ammonia expansion is assumed at constant temperature so the assumed temperature difference is tolerable. A system capable of 10 ton-day would cost \$ 17,000.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Refrigeration Plant} \\ &\text{Cost} = 17,000 (.40/10)^{.6} \\ &\quad = \$ 2,500 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Heat Transfer} \\ &A = \Delta H / U \Delta T \qquad (39) \\ &\quad = (1407)(6) / (26)(20) \\ &\quad = 15.8 \text{ ft}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Cost for heat transfer area}^{30} = \$1700$$

The volume of the tank should equal that of the crystallizer, 40 gallons.

$$\text{Cost mixed tank}^{30} = \$4000 \text{ for 100 gallons}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost} &= 4000 (40/100)^{.6} \\ &= \$2300 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Total Precooler Unit Cost} = \$ 6,500$$

### Compressor and Heat Exchanger

The gas compressor must be specified. A multi-stage compressor should be used since the outlet pressure exceeds the inlet pressure by more than 5 times. A single stage reciprocating compressor will be used, because, a small volume of gas is to be compressed.

First, the gas flow rate must be calculated. The compression will be 10 minutes of the 30 minute cycle time for each crystallization cycle.

$$\begin{aligned}
 q &= V/t = ZnRT/Pt & (40) \\
 &= \frac{(2.2)(.4140)(82.06)(298)}{(10)(13.6)} \\
 &= 74.39 \text{ L/min} \\
 &= 2.627 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}
 \end{aligned}$$

The appropriate equation to determine the power requirement is the first law of thermodynamics.<sup>4</sup>

$$Q - W_n = U_2 - U_1 - \int h_{IN} \cdot dm \quad (41)$$

The system is adiabatic and the values of enthalpy are found in data on nitrogen.<sup>2</sup>

$$U = H - P \cdot V \quad (42)$$

The first law simplifies to:

$$- W_n = (H_2 - P_2 \cdot V_2) - (H_1 - P_1 \cdot V_1) - H_1 \cdot \Delta m \quad (43)$$

$$- W_n = (6316 - (150)(51.88)) - ((-38) - (1.5)(1659)) - (38)(453)$$

$$- W_n = 448.3 \text{ BTU/cycle}$$

The minimum work the compressor must do is the sum of the minimum work on the liquid and the minimum work on the nitrogen gas. This sum multiplied by a 72% efficiency for the compressor and divided by the time the compressor operated would give an approximate power requirement for the compressor motor.

$$\begin{aligned} - W_n &= \text{Work on Gas} + \text{Work on Liquid} & (44) \\ &= 448.3 + 1407 \\ &= 1855 \text{ BTU} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Power} &= 1855 / (.72)(600) \\ &= 6.07 \text{ hp} \end{aligned}$$

Also with similar data on nitrogen,<sup>2</sup> the outlet temperature can be calculated.

$$\Delta H = (H_2 - H_1) / E \quad (45)$$

$$= C_p dT \quad (46)$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_2 &= 6316 \text{ J/gmol} \\ H_1 &= 38 \text{ J/gmol} \\ C_p &= 35.0 \text{ J/gmol} \cdot ^\circ\text{K} \\ \Delta T^D &= (6316 - 38) / (32.0)(.72) \\ \Delta T &= 195 ^\circ\text{C} \\ &= 382 ^\circ\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

The compressor is sized by a correlation of cost vs power.<sup>30</sup> The required power is lower than any graphed, so a cost size extrapolation factor is used.

For 100 hp, the cost of the unit is \$30,000 at 5000 psi.<sup>14</sup> This must be extrapolated to 8.1 hp and 20,000 psi discharge.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cost} &= 30,000 (6.1/100)^{0.8} (20,000/5,000)^{0.8} \\ &= \$ 9,700\end{aligned}$$

The heat exchanger may be designed knowing the compressor design, the heat capacity of nitrogen and the outlet temperature of the gas. The compressed gas temperature must be lowered to the crystallizer temperature, 298° K.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass flow rate} &= .4140 \text{ Kgmol}/10 \text{ min} \\ &= .04140 \text{ Kgmol}/\text{min}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta H &= H_2 - H_1 \\ &= 898 - 6316 \\ &= -5418 \text{ J/s} \\ &= .09930 \text{ BTU/s}\end{aligned}$$

The heat flow rate must equal the change in energy in the nitrogen stream.

$$\Delta H = U A \Delta T_{lm} \quad (47)$$

U for gases and water is in the range of 2-50 BTU/lbmol·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F,<sup>30</sup> an average of 26 BTU/lbmol·ft<sup>2</sup>·°F will be used to calculate an approximate area. The coolant will be water inlet 65° F and outlet 90°F.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T_{lm} &= (\Delta T_i - \Delta T_o) / \ln (\Delta T_i / \Delta T_o) \\ &= (12.0 - 292) / \ln (12.0/292) \\ &= 87.7^\circ \text{F}\end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \Delta H / (U \Delta T_{LM}) \\
 &= (.09930)(3600)(6) / (26)(87.7) \\
 &= .94 \text{ ft}^2
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{39}$$

With area and pressure known, a corresponding cost can be determined from graphical data. Such data is available in Figure 14-17, Reference 30. With an area of  $1.0 \text{ ft}^2$  and stainless steel construction, the cost is \$1300.00. An adjustment factor for higher pressure is needed. Using the size adjustment factor of .44 for pressure vessels and since the change in pressure is a change in size,<sup>30</sup> this will be assumed to apply:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Cost} &= 1300 (20,000/600)^{.44} \\
 &= \$ 6000
 \end{aligned}$$

#### Nitrogen Storage

A storage vessel must be used to recover the nitrogen let down from the crystallizer. The gas will be stored at 200 psi and enough gas for 5 cycles will be stored. Some loss will result from gas in solution and the volume of gas left at 200 psi.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total} &= .414 \text{ Kgmol} \times 5 \\
 &= 2.07 \text{ Kgmol} \\
 (13.3)(V) &= (2.07)(87.06)(298) \\
 V &= 3,805 \text{ L} \\
 &= 134 \text{ ft}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

This tank will be designed like the crystallizer.  
A radius of 36 inches and height of 60 inches will be  
used for a finished volume of 141 ft<sup>3</sup>.

Shell circumferential stress:

$$\begin{aligned} t &= P \times R / (S \times E - .6P) & (40) \\ &= (200)(36) / ((15000)(1) - (.6)(200)) \\ &= .484 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

Shell longitudinal stress:

$$\begin{aligned} t &= P \times R / (S \times E - .4P) & (41) \\ &= (200)(36) / ((2)(1500)(1) - (.4)(200)) \\ &= .239 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

2 heads elliptical heads 10%

$$\begin{aligned} t &= P \times D / (2S \times E - .2P) & (33) \\ &= (200)(72) / ((2)(15000)(1) - (.2)(200)) \\ &= .480 \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

The mass of the tank is necessary to complete the  
cost determination.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume shell} &= \pi ((R+t)^2 - R^2) L & (35) \\ &= \pi ((36.484)^2 - 36^2) (60) \\ &= 6610 \text{ in}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume head} &= (4/3) \pi (a+t)(b+t)(c+t) - abc & (36) \\ &= (4/3) \pi (36.24)(18.24) - (36)(18) \\ &= 5300 \text{ in}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Density} = .284 \text{ lb/in}^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total volume} &= 17,200 \text{ in}^3 \\ \text{Total mass} &= 4,890 \text{ lb} \end{aligned}$$

Cost from Figure 6, Reference 7, is \$0.80 per  
pound for low alloy steel.

$$\text{Cost} = \$ 3,900$$

Monsanto's Flowtran has an extensive library of unit operations to model most processes.<sup>32</sup> Often there is a need to develop new programs for unit processes not in the library. A program to be used in conjunction with Flowtran has been developed. This program does the work of the previous design. This is a batch process though and as such does not convert well with Flowtran. This creates problems with using the program. A listing of the Flowtran program can be found in the Appendix. Figure 14 is the output of the new Flowtran block. As seen the program reports many of the intermediate values as well as the cost of the vessel.

#### Distillation Column

The distillation column for comparison with the crystallizer can also be modeled by Flowtran. The overall rates will be the same but they must be converted to continuous rates. The parameters of the column were first determined by a preliminary Flowtran model which used the Underwood equation. The parameters were reflux ratio, number of trays, feed plate, bottoms pressure, condenser pressure, and distillate to bottoms ratio. Those parameters were used with a more rigorous model. The rigorous model selected the diameter. The

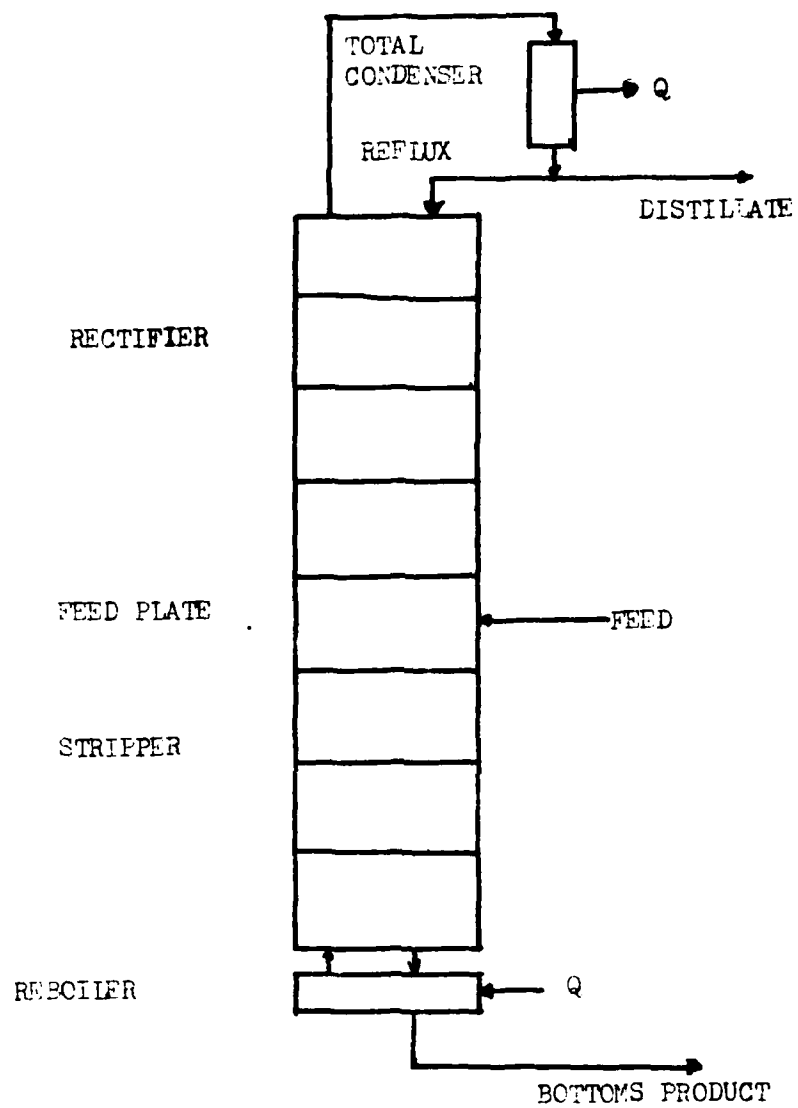


Figure 15. Diagram of distillation column



TITLE DISTILLATION COLUMN FOR COMPARISON  
PROPS 2 1 2 2 2  
RETR CH BZ  
PRINT FOUNDS  
BLOCK DIST DISTL S1 S3 S2  
PARAM DIST 1 28.9 60 45 15 13 .3982 0 0 0  
BLOCK DICO CDSTL DIST  
PARAM DICO 1 0 0 0  
LBS S1 1 45.3 408.2  
TEMP S1 70  
PRESS S1 14  
END CASE  
END JOB

DISTILLATION COLUMN FOR COMPARISON  
PHYSICAL PROPERTY OPTIONS  
ANTOINE VAPOR PRESSURE  
REDLICH-KWONG VAPOR FUGACITY  
CORRECTED LIQUID FUGACITY  
SCATCHARD-HILDEBRAND ACTIVITY COEF

Figure 16. Input to Flowtran simulation

## DISTILLATION COLUMN FOR COMPARISON

## DIST - DISTL - TOTAL CONDENSER

FEED = S1 , BOTTOMS = S3 , OVERHEAD = S2  
 REFLUX RATIO= 28.90, NO. OF PLATES = 60., FEED PLATE= 45.  
 FRAC QVMD = 0.398, FEED FRAC VAPOR= 0.000  
 CONDENSER DUTY= 0.8940E+06BTU/HR, TEMP= 176.52F, PRES= 15.00PSIA  
 REBOILER DUTY= 0.9133E+06BTU/HR, TEMP= 169.73F, PRES= 13.00PSIA

## DICO (DISTC) COST FOR UNIT DIST

NUMBER OF DIAMETERS	1.	REFLUX RATIO	28.900
NUMBER OF TRAYS	60.0	TYPE OF TRAY	3.
MOC FACTOR FOR TRAYS	1.00	TRAY COST UPDATE FACTOR	124.0
LOADING AT TOP	0.85	LOADING AT BOTTOM	0.85
PLATE SPACING AT TOP	18.	PLATE SPACING AT BOTTOM	18.
SURFACE TENSION AT TOP	20.	SURFACE TENSION AT BOTTOM	20.
FOAMING FACTOR AT TOP	1.00	FOAMING FACTOR AT BOTTOM	1.00
OVERALL U FOR CONDENSER	100.0	COOLANT TEMP IN	80.00
COOLANT TEMP RISE	20.00	MINIMUM TEMP APPROACH	10.00
COOLANT HEAT CAPACITY	1.00	COOLANT SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.00
CONDENSATE SUBCOOLING	0.00	PRESSURE FACTOR-CONDENSER	1.00
TYPE OF CONDENSER	-1.	TUBE LENGTH FACTOR-COND	1.00
MOC FACTOR FOR CONDENSER	1.00	CONDENSER UPDATE FACTOR	124.0
COOLANT COST-C/MLB	3.00	HEATING FLUID COST-C/MLB	56.00
HEATING FLUID MAX TEMP	700.00	REBOILER HEAT FLUX	12000.
MIN TEMP DIF FOR FLUX	1.00	HEATING FLUID DELTA H	1000.
TYPE OF REBOILER	-1.	MOC FACTOR FOR REBOILER	1.00
PRESSURE FACTOR-REBOILER	1.00	TUBE LENGTH FACTOR-REBL	1.00
REBOILER UPDATE FACTOR	124.0	SKIRT HEIGHT	10.0
STRESS IN COLUMN SHELL	14000.	CORROSION ALLOWANCE	0.000
EXTRA WEIGHT ITEMS	2500.	SHELL COST, \$/LB	0.50

## CONDENSER-

CONDENSER DUTY, BTU/HR = 0.89403755E+06  
 LOG MEAN TEMP DIFFERENCE = 86.13 DEG F  
 AREA = 103.80 SQ FT  
 COOLANT FLOW RATE = 89.404 GPM  
 CONDENSER COST = \$ 1280.00  
 COOLANT COST = \$/HR 0.16

## REBOILER -

REBOILER DUTY, BTU/HR = 0.91326925E+06  
 AREA = 76.11 SQ FT  
 STEAM FLOW RATE = 913.269 LB/HR  
 REBOILER COST = \$ 1030.00  
 STEAM COST = \$/HR 0.51

COLUMN DIAMETERS- COLUMN HEIGHT, FT = 100.00  
 BELOW FEED 2.0000 SHELL THICKNESS, IN = 1.6250  
 ABOVE FEED 2.0000 SHELL THICKNESS, IN = 1.6250  
 COST OF COLUMN SHELL = \$ 22270.00  
 TRAY COST = \$ 3620.00

TOTAL UTILITY COST= \$/HR 0.67

COLUMN CAPITAL COST = \$ 28200.00

Figure 17. Flowtran output for distillation column

desired result was a column optimized between operating cost and capital cost while producing a product of equal purity to the crystallization process. The process diagram is shown in Figure 15. The Flowtran input is in Figure 16. The results of the Flowtran design are shown in Figure 17.

#### Crystallizer Design with Hydraulic Compression

An alternate to the high pressure design can also be proposed. Figure 18 is a diagram of the alternate design. It is still a high pressure process but, instead of an inert gas pressurizing the system the pressure is supplied hydraulically and intensified. The crystallizer, Figure 19, is a double ended piston and cylinder arrangement. On one end an incompressible fluid is pumped to supply the force on the piston. The force is equal to pressure-area of piston product. The area of the crystallizer piston is much smaller than the fluid piston allowing a large increase in pressure.

$$P_2 = P_1 (A_1/A_2) \quad (42)$$

The design of these two pressure vessels and the piston will be similar to the pressure vessels presented before.

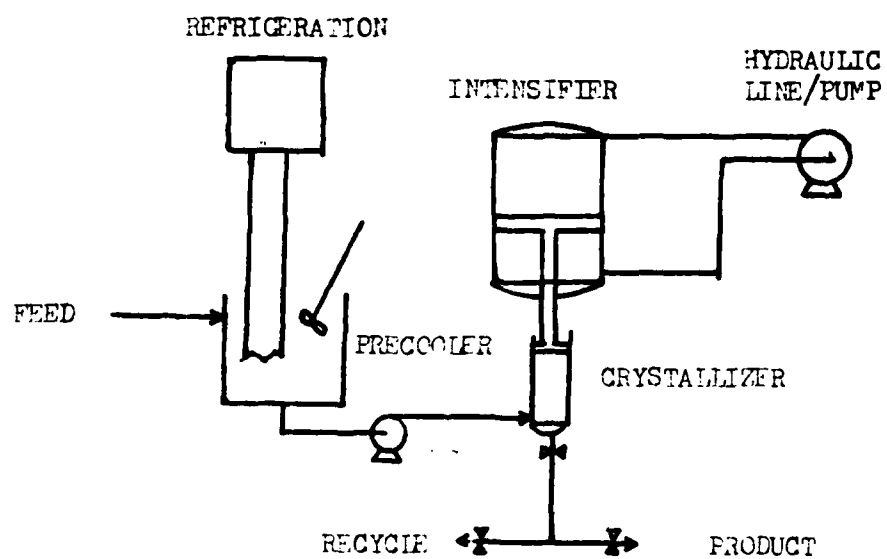


Figure 18. Diagram of hydraulically pressurized high pressurization process

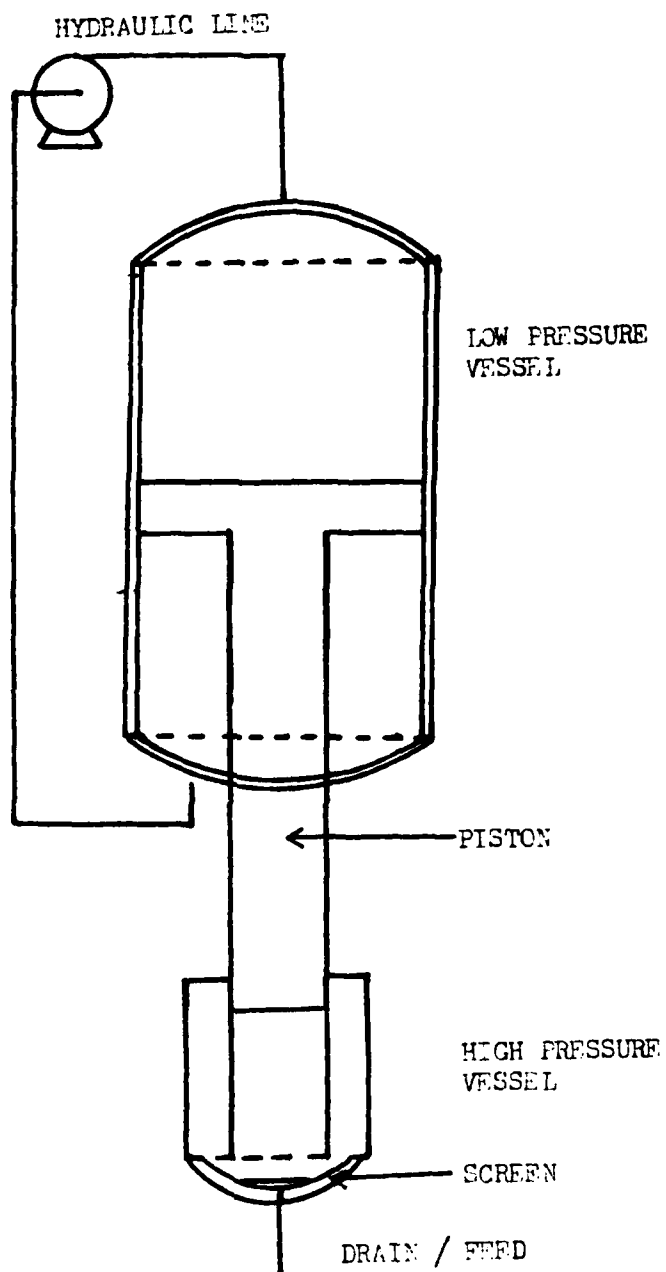


Figure 19. Diagram of crystallizer for hydraulically pressurized process.

### Crystallizer Similarities

This process has several similarities to the previous crystallization process. First, the mass balances and cycle times will be the same. This will also force the crystallizer volume to be the same. The minimum work on the liquid will also be equal due to the above reasons. The minimum work will necessarily be less than the gas compression process, since there is no work on gas compression. This will also make the operation expense of this process lower than the first process. The final similarity is the precooler. The work done on the fluid and the heat of fusion liberated will be the same so the precooler size and cost will be the same.

### Pressure Vessel Design

The material of construction will also be the same as the first design, 302-SS. The low pressure fluid will be 200 psi. The area difference of the two piston heads can be calculated with the vessel diameters and wall thicknesses of the shells and heads. Subscripts 1 and 2 are for the high and low pressure ends, respectively.

Area

$$\begin{aligned} 20,000 &= 200 (A_2/A_1) \\ A_2 &= 320 \text{ cm}^2 \\ A_1 &= 32,000 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Radius

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= 10.1 \text{ cm} \\ r_2 &= 101 \text{ cm} \\ L_1 &= 370 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

Thickness and volume of high pressure vessel are calculated as the previous high pressure vessel, p.37-40.

$$\begin{aligned} t_{SH2} &= 16.2 \text{ cm} \\ V_{SH2} &= \pi (26.3 - 10.1) 370 \\ &= 685,000 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{H2} &= 8.10 \text{ cm} \\ V_{H2} &= (4/3) \pi [(18.2)^2 (13.2) \\ &\quad - (10.1)^2 (7.6)] \\ &= 4500 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Using the area and the volume, the crystallizer dimensions can be calculated. The volume of solid is the total volume with the liquid volume subtracted. The volume of solid will allow calculation of the piston length, since it is the maximum travel of the piston. The volume of the low pressure vessel may also be calculated from this length.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{solid}} &= 58.9 \text{ L} \\ L_{\text{piston}} &= (58.9)(1000)/(320) \\ &= 200 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

Thickness and volume of low pressure shell

$$\begin{aligned} V_{SH1} &= (200)(32,000) \\ &= 6400 \text{ L} \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{SH1} = 1.36 \text{ cm}$$

$$t_{H1} = .673 \text{ cm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{SH1} &= \pi (102.36^2 - 101^2) 200 \\ &= 173,500 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{H1} &= (4/3) \pi ((101.673)^2 (51.173) \\ &\quad - (101)^2 (50.5)) \\ &= 58,00 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Piston Volume} = (200) \pi (10.1)^2 + (10) \pi (101)^2$$

$$\text{Total Volume Material} = 1.306 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$\text{Material density} = 1.77 \times 10^{-2} \text{ lb/cm}^3$$

$$\text{Material Cost} = \$ 1.80$$

$$\text{Total Cost} = \$ 41,600$$

#### Hydraulic Pump

The pump for the low pressure fluid should be specified to pump the total amount of fluid in 2/3 of the cycle time. It can be sized from graphical data, Figure 13-42, Reference 20.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flow rate} &= (6400)/(20)(3.178) \\ &= 22 \text{ gpm @ 200 psi} \end{aligned}$$

The cost found is \$ 2000 for a discharge of 100 psi. This needs to be adjusted to 200 psi.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost} &= 2000 (200/100)^{.6} \\ &= \$ 3100 \end{aligned}$$

The pump also needs a 10 hp motor which costs \$ 650 from Figure 13-56, Reference 30.



Three processes have been designed to perform the same separation. Two designs crystallize the material as means of separation. The third is a distillation process, which separates by vaporization. The summary of major equipment and operating costs for these processes is located in Table 4. The summary of operating cost is in Table 5.

Table 4  
Summary of Crystallization and Distillation Processes

1. Crystallizer with gas compression

Unit	Specifications	Cost(1985 \$)
Crystallizer	302-stainless steel Shell $r = 25$ cm $l = 35.6$ cm $t = 40.2$ cm Ellipsoidal heads $r_1 = 25$ cm $r_2 = 25$ cm $r_3 = 12.5$ cm $t = 20.1$ cm	53,200
Compressor	6.1 hp, 20,000 psi discharge, 200 psi feed	29,500
Heat Exchanger	7.0 ft <sup>3</sup> , Water coolant in at 65° F, T = 25° F	8,500
Gas Storage	Carbon Steel Shell $r = 36$ in $l = 60$ in $t = .484$ in Ellipsoidal Heads $r = 36$ in $r = 36$ in $r = 18$ in $t = .240$ in	6,600
Precooler	NH <sub>3</sub> Plant- .40 ton-day Mixed Tank, 40 gal Heat Exchanger Pump	3,200 3,300 2,400 815
Total Equipment Cost		\$ 108,015

Table 4, Continued

2. Crystallizer with Hydraulic Compression

Unit	Specifications	Cost(1985 \$)
Crystallizer	302-stainless steel Hydraulic Intensifier and crystallizer vessel 200 psi $r = 101$ cm $l = 200$ cm $t = .693$ cm 20,000 psi $r = 10.1$ cm $l =$ cm $t_{HEAD} = 8.1$ cm $t_{SHELL} = 16.2$ cm Piston $r = 101$ cm $l = 10$ cm $r = 10.1$ cm $l = 200$ cm Hydraulic fluid, 1600 gal	105,500 8,000
Pump	200 psi discharge 22 gpm	4,300
Motor	10 hp	930
Precooler	NH <sub>3</sub> Plant- .52 ton-day Mixed Tank, 40 gal Heat Exchanger Pump	3,200 3,300 2,400 815
Total Equipment Cost		\$ 124,945

3. Distillation Column for Comparison

Unit	Specifications	Cost(1985 \$)
Condenser	103.8 ft <sup>2</sup>	3,500
Reboiler	76.1 ft <sup>2</sup>	2,800
Trays	60 sieve trays with downcomers	9,800
Column	100 ft high 18 in between trays	60,300
Total Equipment Cost		\$ 76,400

Table 5  
Summary of Annual Operating Costs

1. Crystallizer with gas compression

Utility	Amount	Cost
Refrigeration	.52 ton-day/day	160
Cooling Water	30 gal/cycle	16
Electric (Compressor)	6.1 hp for 10 min/cycle	606
Nitrogen gas	46.0 SCF/cycle	4,540
Total Utilities Cost		\$ 5,325

2. Crystallizer with Hydraulic Compression

Utility	Amount	Cost
Refrigeration	.52 ton-day/day	160
Electric (Pump)	10 hp for 10 min/cycle	999
Total Utilities Cost		\$ 1,159

3. Distillation Column

Utility	Amount	Cost
Steam	914 lb/hr	10,500
Cooling Water	89.4 gpm	2,200
Total Utilities Cost		\$ 12,700

### V. Discussion

To compare the different processes, there must be several assumptions. First, it must be assumed that this process will be a part of a plant, which produces benzene and further processes a pure benzene product. An example could be ring closure of n-hexane producing cyclohexane. Dehydrogenation of the cyclohexane produces the benzene. Benzene can be further processed to a monomer such as phenol or styrene.

The crude benzene is first purified by a crude distillation to 90% purity. The benzene is then further purified by one of the designed processes. For this reason, land, yards, service facilities, and working capital have already been provided. The focus is economic evaluation of the purification necessary to the plant operation. Installation must be added regardless of the design selected. It will be calculated from a 30% factor of the purchased equipment cost. The percentage factors of purchased equipment cost are referred to as Lange Factors.<sup>30</sup> There are Lange factors to determine expenses such as instrumentation, electrical, and piping. It is assumed that these expenses would be higher for distillation than for high pressure

crystallization. Also the Lange factors reported are for all chemical processing industries. The factors would not compensate for the less expensive instrumentation of the crystallization and for this reason are not included. The addition of these services would increase each process proportionally which would probably not be the best cost to compare.

The present values of the installed equipment and the present value of 10 years of operating costs are computed and the sum compared to select the most economical process.

Table 6  
Installed Equipment Cost and Operating Expense

Process	Equipment	Installation	Operation		Total
			Annual	10 years	
1	108,015	32,400	5,325	40,380	180,795
2	124,945	37,500	1,159	8,790	171,300
3	76,400	22,900	12,700	96,900	196,200
4	40,900	12,300	2,400	18,200	73,400

Process 1, Crystallizer with gas pressurization  
 Process 2, Crystallizer with hydraulic pressurization  
 Process 3, Standard distillation column  
 Process 4, Proabd refiner

The total cost for the hydraulically pressurized process is the lowest. This would probably be the process chosen. There may be other factors involved beside the cost. The plant may use many standard pumps and may not use compressors. This might influence the decision to go with

the more expensive compressor design. There may also be reliability data on compressors and piston systems that may make the use of one more attractive. The development of a pilot plant for each of the crystallizer processes could answer many of the questions about reliability.

Table 7  
Separation Costs of Crystallizer and Distillation Designs

Process	Total Installed Cost	Feed Composition	Separation Cost (\$/Kg)
1	140,400	90%	.00533
2	162,500	90%	.00116
3	99,300	90%	.01270
4	205,500 (53,200)	98%	.00240

Process 1, Crystallizer with gas pressurization  
 Process 2, Crystallizer with hydraulic pressurization  
 Process 3, Standard distillation column  
 Process 4, Proabd refiner<sup>6</sup>

Table 7 shows the designed processes and a refrigeration type industrial process.<sup>6</sup> The Proabd refiner as discussed earlier operates on batch cycle and uses programmed freezing and warming to separate the feed. As shown in Table 7, the comparison of costs for separation clearly show that the high pressure processes have a sizable economic advantage over distillation and crystallization by

refrigeration. The refrigeration process was reported for economic comparison for complete plants. The installed cost was estimated with Lange factors and is reported in parenthesis in the Table 7. The feed composition is also important. The Proabd refiner is the least costly but, is fed a 98% pure mixture. The effect of raising the feed impurity concentration would greatly increase the capital investment and raise the operating costs. The crystallizer would need a larger design to freeze the increased mother liquor and this would also force the operating cost higher, probably higher than the high pressure processes.

Before implementation of the high pressure crystallization process, several other questions need to be studied. The first is to gather data on specific systems of interest. A multipurpose pilot plant should be developed to study various systems and techniques of operation and control. If the gas pressurization design is selected, there is an excellent chance of a patent on the process. The hydraulic process may also be eligible for a patent. Kobe Steel does not have United States patents on the process they have designed so it may be possible to alter or improve on their design. The cycle time assumed in the crystallizer design was 30 minutes. The Kobe Steel research concluded that cycle times could be as low as 2 minutes. They report



the equilibrium to be established in as low as 10 seconds. If the cycle time were reduced, the present design could be reduced in size and much less costly to construct. The construction of a pilot plant could confirm this as well as determine where various separation processes could be improved upon.

## VI. Conclusions

The results of this study of high pressure crystallization can be summarized as follows:

1. The hydraulic compression crystallization process is the least expensive of the processes study. It is capable of separating the feed benzene stream for a capital cost of \$ 162,445 and operate for \$ 1,159/year. This is the lowest of the processes, Table 4.

2. The hydraulic pressurization may have some patent problems. The Kobe Steel research group has a process which is similar. They have an operating pilot plant and several patents granted and pending.

3. The gas pressurization process is close to competitiveness with the hydraulic process. It is lower in capital cost but, is higher in operating costs. The operating costs could be reduced by using a diaphragm to allow compression by filtered air instead of nitrogen. Reduction of operating costs could also be realized from a more complete recovery of the nitrogen.

4. The use of distillation for this separation is not recommended. The high cost required to operate the process would be a great deal more expensive for the expected equipment service life.

## VII. Recommendations

The future of this project should proceed as follows:

1. Prior to implementation of the high pressure crystallization process data on specific systems should be gathered. A multipurpose pilot plant should be built to study these systems and to develop techniques of operation and control. If the gas pressurization design is selected, there is an excellent chance of a patent on the process. The hydraulic process may also be unique enough for a patent. Kobe Steel does not have United States patents on the process they have designed so it may be possible to alter or improve on their design. The cycle time assumed in the crystallizer design was 30 minutes. The Kobe Steel research concluded that cycle times could be as low as 2 minutes. They report the equilibrium to be established in as low as 10 seconds. If the cycle time were reduced the present design could be much less costly to construct. The construction of a pilot plant could confirm this as well as determine where various separation processes could be improved upon.

2. Other improvements could include an optimum switch from distillation to crystallization. The crystallizer will produce the high purity at low cost but, only when feed a high purity material. There could be an optimum concentration to switch separation techniques from

distillation to crystallization. In the case of this study, the optimum is probably at a feed of higher than 90% pure. With a more pure feed the crystallizer could be designed at a lower pressure and smaller cycle capacity. The pressure reduction would result from good productivity at a lower ultimate mother liquor concentration. The crystallizer capacity may also be reduced because with a more pure feed the equilibrium in the system will be achieved more quickly. The result of these factors would allow a less expensive design for the crystallizer as well as lower operating costs due to the reduction of mother liquor.

This work has possibly led to a patentable process. The application for patent has begun. If granted it would be well advised to fund a pilot plant which could answer many questions about process parameters (i.e. cycle time, feed concentrations, product purity) having influence on the overall cost. The pilot plant could be used to gather data on many systems and to determine optimal concentrations to switch from distillation to crystallization. The pilot plant could also answer some question about the reliability of the equipment used in the crystallization.

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APPENDIX

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c      This is a fortran subroutine which is
c      designed to run with Flowtran. It is
c      block modeling a batch high pressure
c      crystallizer. The block list is 8 characters
c      long.
c      1 Block
c      2 Name
c      3 BHPC
c      4 Feed
c      5 Gas in
c      6 product
c      7 Mother liquor
c      8 Gas out
c      The parameter list has 7 pieces of data
c      to input.
c      1 Temperature
c      2 Cycle time
c      On Material of Construction
c      3 Maximum allowable pressure(atm)
c      4 Density (g/cc)
c      5 Joint efficiency
c      6 Cost/unit weight ($/lb)
c      7 Radius of vessel (in)
c      The retention vector contains:
c      1 Operating pressure
c      2 Crystallizer volume
c      specific volumes of:
c      3 Benzene liquid
c      4 Benzene solid
c      5 Cyclohexane liquid
c      6 Shell thickness
c      7 Head thickness
c      8 Shell weight
c      9 Head weight
c      10 Crystallizer cost
c      11 Minimum work/hour
c      12 Nitrogen in solution
c      13 Nitrogen in space
c      14 Concentration in feed
c      15 Concentration in product
c      The units throughout the program are uniform.
c      Thicknesses or lengths are in inches.
c      Weights are in pounds.
c      Density is measured in g/cc
c      Specific volumes are in cc/g.
c      Pressure is in atm, except when some equations
c      of state are used. The units are stated and
c      converted back after calculation.
c      Time is in hours.
c      All flow rates are in pound moles.
c
c      SUBROUTINE BHPC(P1,G1,P1,W1,G2,PAR,RET)
c      DIMENSION P1(31),P1(31),W1(31),G1(31),G2(31),PAR(31),RET(31)
c      COMMON/B/ PR(31),PR(31),AMLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
c      COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VS0Z,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
c      COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORRLB,CRCOST,WORRCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CML
c      COMMON/E/ T,CYCTN,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
c      DO 111 I=1,31
c      PR(I)= P1(I)
c      PR(I)= P1(I)
c      AMLR(I)= W1(I)
c      GI(I)= G1(I)

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PROCESS WITH A DISTILLATION PROCESS(U) ARMY MILITARY  
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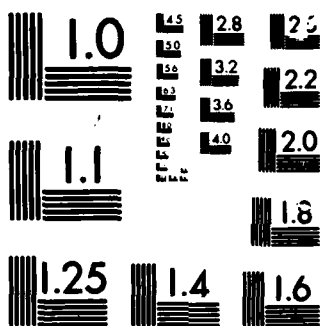
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111      GO(I)=G2(I)
        CONTINUE
        NSTEP= 30
        IF(ROUT.EQ.2)GO TO 50
        CYCTH= PAR(3)
        T= PAR(1)
        R= PAR(5)
        S= PAR(7)
        E= PAR(9)
        CHL = PAR(15)
        ROU=PAR(11)
        WCOST= PAR(13)
        CALL PRESS
        CALL SEP
        CALL COMPS
        CALL CRYVOL
        CALL CRYSZ
        CALL WORK
        CALL N2REQ
50      WRITE(6,100)
        WRITE(6,101)
        WRITE(6,102) FR(20),PR(20),AHLR(20)
        WRITE(6,103) GI(20),GO(20)
        WRITE(6,104) T
        WRITE(6,105) CYCTH
        WRITE(6,106) S
        WRITE(6,107) ROU
        WRITE(6,108) E
        WRITE(6,109) WCOST
        WRITE(6,110) R
        WRITE(6,100)
        WRITE(6,101)
        WRITE(6,120) P
        WRITE(6,121) VCF0
        WRITE(6,135)
        WRITE(6,122) VOBZ,VLBZ
        WRITE(6,123) VSBZ
        WRITE(6,136)
        WRITE(6,124) VOC6,VLC6
        WRITE(6,125) TSH,WSH
        WRITE(6,126) TH,WH
        WRITE(6,127) CRCOST
        WRITE(6,128) WORRCY
        WRITE(6,150) WORRLB
        WRITE(6,137)
        WRITE(6,129) WN2SOL,WN2SPC
        WRITE(6,138)
        WRITE(6,130) CO,CS,CHL
100      FORMAT('1',15X,'HIGH PRESSURE CRYSTALLIZER')
101      FORMAT(16X,'BLOCK - BHPC',5X,'NAME - CRY')
102      FORMAT(16X,'FEED = ',A4,'PRODUCT = ',A4,'MOTHER LIQUOR = ',A4)
103      FORMAT(16X,'NITROGEN GAS IN = ',A4,'NITROGEN GAS OUT = ',A4)
104      FORMAT(16X,'OPERATING TEMPERATURE = ',F6.2,'DEG K')
105      FORMAT(16X,'CYCLE TIME = ',F8.4,'HOURS')
106      FORMAT(16X,'MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PRESSURE = ',F10.4,'ATM')
107      FORMAT(16X,'MATERIAL DENSITY = ',F8.5,'g/cc')
108      FORMAT(16X,'JOINT EFFICIENCY = ',F8.5)
109      FORMAT(16X,'COST PER WEIGHT = ',F8.5,'$/LB')
110      FORMAT(16X,'RADIUS OF VESSEL = ',F8.5,'IN')
120      FORMAT(16X,'OPERATING PRESSURE = ',F8.3,'ATM')
121      FORMAT(16X,'CRYSTALLIZER VOLUME = ',F8.3,'L')
122      FORMAT(16X,'LIQUID AT P0',F8.5,10X,'LIQUID AT P',F8.5)

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123 FORMAT(16X,'SOLID AT P',F8.5)
124 FORMAT(16X,'LIQUID AT P0 = ',F8.5,10X,'LIQUID AT P = ',F8.5)
125 FORMAT(16X,'SHELL THICKNESS[IN]=',F8.5,'SHELL MASS[LB]=',F14.2)
126 FORMAT(16X,'HEAD THICKNESS[IN]=',F8.5,'HEAD MASS[LB]=',F14.2)
127 FORMAT(16X,'CRYSTALLIZER COST = $',F10.2)
128 FORMAT(16X,'MINIMUM WORK PER HOUR = ',F12.3,'BTU')
150 FORMAT(16X,'MINIMUM WORK PER POUND PRODUCT',F8.3)
129 FORMAT(16X,'IN SOLUTION = ',F8.2,'IN GAS PHASE = ',F8.2)
130 FORMAT(16X,'IN = ',F8.6,'PRODUCT = ',F8.6,'MOTHER LIQUOR = ',F8.6)
135 FORMAT(16X,'SPECIFIC VOLUME OF BENZENE [cc/g]')
136 FORMAT(16X,'SPECIFIC VOLUME OF N-HEXANE [cc/g]')
137 FORMAT(16X,'NITROGEN DISTRIBUTION [LB]')
138 FORMAT(16X,'CONCENTRATION OF IMPURITY (N-HEXANE)')
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#### SUBROUTINE PRESS

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This subroutine calculates the transition
pressure for benzene given a temperature
and uses as a point to define a line
knowing the slope of the phase diagram.
The line is then used to determine the
highest pressure needed to provide the
given outlet concentration.
FROM P.94 REF.55
P-Po= a*((T/To)**c-1)
and
P = -3567 Cout + I
Cout = outlet concentration
POI = intercept determined from pressure (X benzene = 1.0)
[P] = bars
[Po] = bars
a = 3.6 E3 bars
c = 2.60
To = normal boiling point at Po

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORRLB,CRCOST,WORRCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,C',CML
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTH,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ FR(31),PR(31),ANLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
A=3600
C=2.60
T0=278.8
P0=1.01325
TEMP= T/T0
PA=1+A*((TEMP**C)-1)
PP= PA/1.01325
POI= -2430 - PP
P = -2430*CML - POI
RETURN
END

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#### SUBROUTINE SEP

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This subroutine determines the separation based

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on data from M. Moritoki, "A method of fractional crystallization under high pressure," International Chemical Engineering, Vol. 20, No. 3, p. 397.  
The Cs/Co vs. pressure curve was approximated by a straight line over the 900 to 600 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> range:

$$Cs/Co = .13181 - 1.1748E-4 (P).$$

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORKLB,CRCOST,WORKCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CML
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTH,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ FR(31),PR(31),AMLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
C0=FR(3)*84/(FR(1)*78+FR(3)*84)
IF(P.GE.1000)GO TO 210
CSC0= .13181 - ((1.1748E-4)*P,
CSC0 = .017
CS=CSC0*C0
RETURN
END
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#### SUBROUTINE COMPS

This subroutine assigns the flow rates of the product and by product streams by using mass balances.

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORKLB,CRCOST,WORKCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CML
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTH,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ FR(31),PR(31),AMLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
PROP = ((FR(1)+FR(3))*(1-CML -FR(3))/((1-CML)-CS)
PR(1) = (1-CS)*PROP
PR(3) = CS*PROP
PRINT*, 'PROP',PROP
AMLR(1) = PR(1)-PR(1)
AMLR(3) = PR(3)-PR(3)
RETURN
END
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#### SUBROUTINE CRYVOL

This subroutine calculates the crystallizer volume given an operating pressure and the physical property data on the system components. The volume is calculated using the assumption that cyclohexane and benzene are independent in making up the volume.

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORKLB,CRCOST,WORKCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CML
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTH,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ FR(31),PR(31),AMLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
P0=1
V0BZ= 1.138
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VOC6= 1.284
AMSC6 = CYCTH*FR(3)*84
AMSBZ = CYCTH*FR(1)*78
CALL ESBZF
CALL ESC6P
VCP0= (AMSBZ*V0BZ+AMSC6*VOC6)*.454
VCP = (VLBZ*ANLR(1)*78+VSBZ*PR(1)*78+VLC6*FR(3)*84)*CYCTH*.454
RETURN
END

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# SUBROUTINE ESBZF

This subroutine calculates the volume of benzene given a pressure and temperature. It uses published data from Manred Gehrig and Harro Lentz in Journal of Chemical Thermodynamics, 1977, 9, p.455-450, and P.W. Bridgman in proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1949, 77, p.129-146. Given a pressure above the transition pressure the program assumes 85% solid and 15% liquid because of time limitations ( equilibrium is not economical to achieve ) and impurities present in the solution. The equations used are:

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( V0-V )/V = Aln [ ( B+P )/( B+P0 ) ]
[B]= MPa
[P]= MPa
p. 449 Gehrig and Lentz

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At freezing 25 oC and 680 kg/cm2  
DeltaV/ V= .0634 and .1596  
p. 140 Bridgman

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,VOC6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WN,WORRLB,CRCOST,WORRCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CNL
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTH,S,ROU,Z,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ PR(31),FR(31),ANLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
V0= 1.138
P0= .101325
A= .1845
B= 984.6-2.446*T
IF (P.LE.680) GO TO 50
PH=.101325*P
FX= (B+PH)/(B+P0)
DD=LOG(FX)
VLBZ= V0/(1+A*DD)
VSBZ= .8404*V0
RETURN
PRINT*, 'ERROR "NO SOLID EXISTS"'
RETURN
END

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# SUBROUTINE ESC6P

This subroutine calculates the volume of cyclohexane given a pressure and temperature. It uses published



data from Mohsen Taslimi a doctorate disertation 1969.  
The equation used is:

$(V_0 - V) / V_0 = C \log_{10} (S + P) / S$   
[P] = kp/cm<sup>2</sup>  
[S] = kp/cm<sup>2</sup>  
p. 41

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORKLB,CRCOST,WORKCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CHL
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTH,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ PR(31),PR(31),AMLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
S= 3C02 - 6.87*T
C= .2272
V0= 1.284
PH= 1.03327*P
A=(B+PH)/B
PRINT*,A
VLC6= V0*(1-C*LOG10(A))
RETURN
END
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#### SUBROUTINE CRYSZ

This subroutine determines minimum shell and head thickness of the pressure vessel. The equations used are ASME standards and are taken from Max S. Peters and Klaus D. Timmerhaus, Plant Design and Economics for Chemical Engineers, 3rd. Ed., p.570-571.

For cylindrical shell:

$t = r (2 + S - 1)$   
 $Z = (SE + P) / (SE - P)$

For ellipsoidal heads:

$t = 2 Pr / (2SE - .2P)$

t = minimum wall thickness [in]  
S = maximum allowable working stress [atm]  
E = efficiency of joints as a fraction  
P = maximum internal pressure [psi]  
C = corrosion allowance [in]

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORKLB,CRCOST,WORKCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CHL
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTH,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ PR(31),PR(31),AMLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
P1= 3.14159
Z=((S+E)+P)/((S+E)-P)
TSH= R*((2+.5)-1)
TH=P*R*2/(2*S+E-.2*P)
VC = VCP0-(4/3)*.01639*PI*(R**3)
ALSH= .3937*(VC*155)/(PI*(R**2))
PRINT*, 'Z L ',Z,ALSH,VC
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VSH= ((TSH+R)**2-R**2)*PI*ALSH
VH= (4/3)*PI*((TH+R/2)*(TH+R)**2-.5*R**3)
WSH= VSH*ROU*16.387/454
WH= VH*ROU*16.387/454
WT= WSH+WH
CRCOST= WT*WCOST
RETURN
END

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# SUBROUTINE WORK

In this subroutine the reversible work is calculated for each of the system components. It is assumed that the work is independent of composition. The equations of state used above for determining the specific volume of the liquids are again used. The reversible work, the integral of  $Pdv$ , is calculated by the Trapezoidal rule over several steps, NSTEP.

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VSBZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORKLB,CRCOST,WORKCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,C0,CS,CML
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTM,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ PR(31),PR(31),ANLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)

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A= 1865
C= 2272
NSTEP=30
V0BZ= 1.138
V0C6= 1.284
DVC6= (V0C6-VLC6)/NSTEP
BBZ= 984.6-2.446*T
BC6= 3002 - 6.87*T
P0=.191325
DO 10,I=0,NSTEP
VLC6= V0C6 - I*DVC6
CC= (V0C6-VLC6)/(V0C6*C)
PC6NEW= BC6*((10**CC)-1)*1.03327
PC6AVE= (PC6NEW + PC6OLD)/2
WORK2= WORK2 + PC6AVE*DVC6
PC6OLD = PC6NEW

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CONTINUE

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P0=1.0
OPR=0
DPS=0
DP= (P-P0)/NSTEP
POLD=P0
VO=V0BZ
VSO=.9751
DO 11, J=1,NSTEP
PNEW= P0+ J*DP
PAVE= (PNEW+POLD)/2
IF (PAVE.LE.1000) GOTO 12
CM= (PAVE-POI)/(-2430)
PRN= .5*((PR(1)*78+PR(3)*84)*(1-CM)-PR(3)*84)/((1-CM)-CS)
DPR= PRN-PRO
VSN= V0BZ-((PAVE+15520)/101500)
DVS = VSC-VSN
IF (DVS.LE.0) DVS=0
AA= (BBZ+PNEW)/(BBZ+P0)

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VN= V0BZ/(1+A*LOG(AA))
DV= -VN-VO
WORKL= DV*PAVE*(PR(1)*78-PRN)
WORKT= DPR*PAVE*.0962
WORKS= PRN*PAVE*DVS
WORK1= WORKL-WORKL+WORKT+WORKS
VO=VN
PRO=PRN
VSO=VSN
FOLD=FNEW
PRINT*, 'P AVE', 'WORK 1', 'PRODUCT RATE'
PRINT*, PAVE, WORK1, PRN
CONTINUE
11  WORK4 = WORK1 +WORK2*.84*PR(3)
    WORK4 = WORK4*.454*.0961118
    WORKCY= WORK4
    WORKLB= WORKCY/(PRN*2.2)
    RETURN
    END

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# SUBROUTINE N2REQ

This subroutine calculates the nitrogen required by the crystallizer for the benzene-n-cyclohexane system. The equation of state used is the real gas law with the compressibility factors found by estimating data to a straight line between 200 and 1000 atm. The data was found in M. Moore, Physical Chemistry, 4th Ed. (1972), p. 20. The equation is;  $Z = 1.3525E-3 P + .75100$ . There is also the problem of the nitrogen dissolving in the solution. This quantity is estimated by a know mole fraction of nitrogen in benzene at 25 oC and 120 atm.

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COMMON/C/ P,VCP0,VCP,V0BZ,VLBZ,VS0BZ,V0C6,VLC6,TSH,WSH,POI,PRN
COMMON/D/ TH,WH,WORKLB,CRCOST,WORKCY,WN2SOL,WN2SPC,CO,CS,CHL
COMMON/E/ T,CYCTN,S,ROU,E,WCOST,R
COMMON/B/ PR(31),PR(31),AMLR(31),GI(31),GO(31)
SOL = .02050
VS0BZ = VCP0 - VCP
WN2SPC = 61.6*P*VS0BZ/((1.3525E-3*P+.38)*82.05*T)
DDD= PR(1)*78+PR(3)*84-PRN
WN2SOL = (DDD/(1-SOL))*SOL
WN2 = (WN2SOL + WN2SPC)/CYCTN
GO(5)=WN2/28.02
GI(5)=WN2/28.02
RETURN
END

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